

April 30, 2021

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
437 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
304 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Chair
Subcommittee on Energy & Water
Development
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Kennedy, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy & Water
Development
416 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Leahy and Feinstein and Ranking Members Shelby and Kennedy:

On behalf of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) I am writing to urge Congress to make clean energy and demand-side energy efficiency central to infrastructure improvement measures enacted in the 117th Congress, with a focus on resilience and improved public health and safety. A key aspect of rebuilding our nation's infrastructure will be to enact robust funding for clean energy programs managed by federal agencies, in particular the Department of Energy, in the FY2022 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill. **A document containing clean energy industry funding requests for BCSE members in the renewable energy, energy efficiency and natural gas sectors for the FY2022 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill can be found [here](#) for your reference.**

Federal investment in clean energy innovation has received bipartisan support because Congress recognizes the United States of America must lead the world in sustainable energy technologies to meet the need for grid reliability and safety, while boosting economic growth and reducing environmental impacts.

For these reasons, the Business Council for Sustainable Energy urges Congress to continue to adequately fund Department of Energy (DOE) clean energy programs for the offices of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Fossil Energy and Carbon Management (FE), Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (EDER), Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) and other essential DOE clean energy programs. These federal research development and deployment funds can be used to leverage business investment to accelerate deployment and emissions reductions in all sectors of the economy.



BCSE Letter on FY2022 Energy and Water Appropriations

The BCSE is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, energy storage, natural gas, renewable energy, sustainable transportation and emerging decarbonization technology sectors. It includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public utilities, equipment manufacturers, commercial end users and service providers in energy and environmental markets. Founded in 1992, the coalition's diverse business membership is united around the revitalization of the U.S. economy and the creation of a clean, secure and reliable energy future in America.

The BCSE is pleased to have an independent small- and medium-size businesses initiative under its banner, the Clean Energy Business Network (CEBN). Together, the BCSE and CEBN represent a broad range of the clean energy economy, from Fortune 100 companies to small businesses working in all 50 states and over 350 Congressional districts. On a national basis, these industries support over 3 million U.S. jobs.

The [2021 Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#) recently released by the BCSE and BloombergNEF shows that despite major headwinds brought about due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the transformation of how the U.S. produces, delivers, and consumes hydrocarbons, electrons and heat marched onward.

Congress has the opportunity to build on market conditions by funding research, development and deployment across a broad portfolio of technologies and industries, including energy efficiency and CHP, hydropower and marine energy, geothermal energy, wind, solar, energy storage, microgrids, carbon management and utilization, hydrogen, critical minerals, sustainable transportation and others to meet the need for grid reliability and safety, while boosting economic growth and reducing environmental damage.

The Council welcomes the opportunity to share information from the *Factbook* with you and we look forward to working with you throughout the FY2022 budget cycle. Please feel free to reach out to Ruth McCormick at <mailto:russell.mccormick@bcse.org> with any questions or to arrange a time to meet.

Sincerely,

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