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Secretary John Kerry
Special Presidential Envoy for Climate
U.S. Department of State

Dear Secretary Kerry:

In advance of the 27th Conference of the Parties (COP 27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Sharm El-Sheik, Egypt next week, the Business Council for Sustainable Energy would like to thank you and the Administration for your leadership and commitment to the implementation of the Paris Agreement, and efforts to deploy U.S. clean energy and energy efficiency solutions around the world.

For the past 30 years, BCSE has served as the voice of U.S. sustainable energy industries at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and before Congress and numerous Administrations. BCSE's diverse business coalition – spanning energy efficiency, energy storage, natural gas, renewable energy, sustainable transportation, and emerging decarbonization technologies – knows that climate action and energy security are critical policy needs that can and must be pursued in tandem.

Today, U.S. clean energy and energy efficiency technologies are in the strongest position since the beginning of the UNFCCC negotiations to help accelerate the energy transition that is needed both at home and abroad. The passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, the ratification of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, the enactment of the CHIPS Act and the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, have together bolstered this leadership position.

At COP 27, the BCSE will call for countries to work towards:

- Broader, faster deployment of the existing portfolio of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies and enactment of policies that enable the energy transition.
- Making better investments in our infrastructure, communities and economies that reduce emissions, create new jobs, and strengthen resilience.
- Greater public-private partnership on climate action, energy security and adaptation.

We recognize the critical need for U.S. diplomatic leadership to include technical assistance to developing countries on both mitigation and adaptation priorities, including continued international climate financial support.

American companies have technology solutions that enhance the resilience of communities and supply chains against the impacts of climate change, as well as deliver greater energy access and reliability. We encourage and support the emergence of U.S.-led public-private partnerships towards these goals.

In this critical decade for implementation, BCSE and its members are committed partners in the race to deploy solutions that will help countries achieve their national greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and to strengthen their abilities to adapt to the impacts of climate change. We look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues in Sharm El-Sheik at COP 27 towards these ends.

Thank you.



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