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**CEBN & BCSE Applaud Senate Passage of CHIPS and Science Act,
Including Support for Cleantech Innovation**

Washington, D.C. – The Presidents of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) and the Clean Energy Business Network (CEBN) offered the following statements after the Senate voted to pass the CHIPS for America Act with strong bipartisan support.

BCSE president Lisa Jacobson:

“BCSE commends the Senate for its bipartisan work to enact the CHIPS and Science Act. The legislation provides funding for critical research programs and supports new public-private partnerships that will enhance our nation’s competitiveness and foster technology innovation.”

CEBN president Lynn Abramson:

“The Clean Energy Business Network commends the Senate for passage of the CHIPS for America Act in strong bipartisan fashion. This legislation provides support for cleantech innovation through a new DOE Foundation, funding for cleantech incubators and accelerators, and vouchers for small businesses to access national lab resources. CEBN supported these important provisions to bolster clean energy innovators across the country.

“These programs within the bill will create a more robust cleantech innovation ecosystem across the country through enhancing public-private partnerships and offering valuable support to entrepreneurial support organizations.

“While an earlier version of this package included an extension of the Small Business Innovation Research program, we were disappointed to see this provision left out of the final package. This crucial program with a 40-year track record of success is set to expire on October 1st should Congress fail to act. CEBN will continue to work with small business leaders to extend SBIR through alternative legislative paths such as the NDAA.”

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The **Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE)** is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and also includes investor-owned utilities, public

power, independent power producers, project developers, equipment manufacturers, and environmental and energy market service providers. Established in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. For more information on the Council, please visit www.bcse.org. For the latest industry data, download the 2022 [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#).

The **Clean Energy Business Network (CEBN)** is the small business voice for the clean energy economy, working to enhance opportunities for clean energy providers through policy support, market and technology education, and business development assistance. For more information, please visit: www.cebn.org.