

April 20, 2023

The Honorable Patty Murray, Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
154 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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

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

Dear Chairmen Murray and Feinstein, Vice-Chair Collins, and Ranking Member Kennedy:

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) encourages Congress to continue to provide robust resources for clean energy programs at the Department of Energy and across the Federal Government in FY2024. **A document containing FY2024 clean energy industry funding requests for BCSE members can be found [here](#) for your reference.**

In recent years, Congress has recognized the United States of America must lead the world in clean energy and energy efficiency technologies to meet the need for energy security and grid reliability and safety, while boosting economic growth and reducing environmental impacts. BCSE applauds the growth of funding allocated to clean energy programs across the Departments of Energy, Defense, and Transportation, among others, and calls on Congress to continue to fund these programs to ensure that the U.S. remains economically competitive.

The 2023 edition of the [BCSE-BNEF Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#)¹ reveals that federal investments in sustainable technologies are driving the clean energy transition. By the end of 2022, for example, electric vehicle and battery manufacturers raced to identify investment opportunities, announcing almost \$17 billion in commitments to the North American battery supply chain.

Furthermore, federal investments in clean energy have spurred private-sector innovation and have enabled commercialization of many clean energy technologies, while creating jobs across the United States.

The BCSE-BNEF *Factbook* also shows that 2022 marked the third most costly climate disaster year on record, with U.S. greenhouse gas emissions inching up one percent. These trends call for

¹ [Sustainable Energy in America 2023 Factbook](#), Business Council for Sustainable Energy and BloombergNEF, March 2023.



urgently accelerating the speed and scale of clean energy and energy efficiency deployment to bolster U.S. mitigation and adaptation.

BCSE looks forward to working with you to develop a budget that achieves fiscal restraint while providing the needed funding for clean energy programs. Please feel free to reach out to Ruth McCormick at rmccormick@bcse.org with any questions or to arrange a time to meet.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jacobson
President
Business Council for Sustainable Energy

About the BCSE

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.

BCSE is pleased to have an independent small- and medium-size businesses initiative under its banner: the Clean Energy Business Network (CEBN). Together, 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.