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BCSE Statement on State of the Union Address

Washington, D.C. – In response to President Biden’s State of the Union address, BCSE President Lisa Jacobson offered the following statement:

"President Biden highlighted the historic clean energy and energy efficiency incentives of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) as a means to boost job growth and help Americans save money on energy – while reducing carbon pollution and enhancing community resilience. As the legislation moves into the implementation phase, BCSE is pleased to see the Administration’s continued support for advancing the energy transition and investing in American energy sources.

"Nevertheless, more is needed to ‘finish the job,’ as President Biden described. We risk losing the full impact of the clean energy investments included in the IRA and bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) without reforms to federal permitting and siting processes. BCSE urges policymakers to come together on common-sense, bipartisan permitting reform to speed up clean energy deployment and improve access to resilient and affordable energy systems.

"BCSE looks forward to working with the Biden Administration and Congress to enact policies driving the energy transition and to ensure IRA and IIJA funds are distributed efficiently and equitably."

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The Business Council for Sustainable Energy and BloombergNEF will release the latest edition of the [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#) on **March 1**. An embargoed press event will be held on February 28. The Factbook details U.S. energy market trends and the 2023 edition will cover which emerging technologies made headway in the past year and whether high costs impacted clean energy investment and deployment. For more information, please contact Lizzie Stricklin (lstricklin@bcse.org).

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 [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#).