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Clean Energy Industries Support Robust Funding for Rural Energy Programs in 2024 Farm Bill

Washington, D.C. - The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) and the Clean Energy Business Network (CEBN) submitted [recommendations](#) to the House and Senate Committees on Agriculture today, urging Congress to include important energy efficiency and clean energy provisions in the Farm Bill during the 2023-2024 reauthorization process.

“BCSE and CEBN encourage Congress to include legislation in the Farm Bill that will support economic development, energy efficiency and clean energy jobs, and resilience in rural communities,” said BCSE President Lisa Jacobson. “According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, agriculture is responsible for about 11 percent of U.S. climate pollution. These investments in clean energy programs are crucial to driving down emissions, advancing the energy transition, and building a more sustainable economy.”

“Rural clean energy programs in the Farm Bill have provided the means for agriculture-based entrepreneurs to benefit their communities through investments in many sectors, including energy efficiency, renewable energy, and biofuels,” said CEBN President Lynn Abramson. “Already, the clean energy transition is underway in all 50 states. Robust funding for energy efficiency and clean energy programs will bring new jobs to rural America and help farmers, ranchers, and small businesses save money.”

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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, BCSE advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products, and services. For more information on BCSE, please visit bcse.org. For the latest industry data, download the [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#).

The **Clean Energy Business Network (CEBN)**, comprising small-and medium-sized businesses, is an independent affiliate of BCSE. Together, BCSE and CEBN encompass a broad range of the clean energy economy, from Fortune 100 companies to small businesses working in all 50 states and more than 400 Congressional districts. On a national basis, these industries support more than 3 million U.S. jobs.