

April 18, 2025

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

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

The Honorable Lindsey Graham, Chair
Subcommittee on State, Foreign
Operations and Related Programs
211 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chris Coons, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on State, Foreign
Operations and Related Programs
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairs Collins and Graham, and Ranking Members Murray and Coons:

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) urges Congress, through the appropriations process, to advance American competitiveness and protect the leadership of American technologies, innovation, and expertise in a rapidly expanding global market.

By funding international clean energy and climate accounts, the U.S. will support American businesses—especially in the fields of energy efficiency, energy storage, natural gas, renewable energy, and electric vehicles—as key players in a global market valued at over \$2 trillion in 2024.

The continuation of U.S. international diplomatic engagement and public funding will ensure that U.S. corporate interests are protected and have a voice at the table, and that foreign customers have an American option in the marketplace. While the U.S. saw a record-level of investment in the energy transition in 2024 with \$338 billion deployed, China led the way with \$818 billion invested. The U.S. must increase, not cede market share to China, in global markets.

More broadly, supporting clean energy and energy efficiency deployment and the building of more resilient infrastructure in allied nations enhances U.S. national security and economic interests. These strategic investments reduce climate-induced instability, build trust and create pathways for American companies to expand into fast-growing markets—all while enhancing U.S. influence abroad.

BCSE is steadfast in its support of continued and robust funding for international clean energy and climate accounts, and U.S. contributions to related intergovernmental institutions in the FY2026 State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs (SFOPs) Appropriations Bill. These annual contributions help American businesses capture new market opportunities, maintain competitive advantages, and drive innovation, creating economic growth and jobs back home.

We would be pleased to meet with your staff to discuss the importance of U.S. international energy and climate finance in more detail. For further information or to schedule a meeting, please contact Ruth McCormick at rmccormick@bcse.org.



Sincerely,

Lisa Jacobson
President
Business Council for Sustainable Energy

About the BCSE

The [Business Council for Sustainable Energy](#) (BCSE) is a coalition of companies and trade associations that deploy clean energy and decarbonization solutions, with a sector focus on energy efficiency, natural gas, and renewable energy. Established in 1992, members include investor-owned utilities, public power, independent power producers, project developers, technology providers, equipment manufacturers, environmental and energy market service companies, and more. 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 collaborates frequently with its small business division, the [Clean Energy Business Network](#) (CEBN), which encompasses a network of more than 8,000 cleantech business and community leaders across all 50 states. Collectively, BCSE and CEBN mobilize the full breadth of the clean energy economy, from innovators and small businesses to industry leaders and the trade associations that represent them. On a national basis, these industries support more than 3 million U.S. jobs.

cc: Members of Senate Appropriations Committee