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COP 31 Outcome Highlights Need for Collaboration to Deliver Climate, Energy Solutions

Washington, D.C. – Lisa Jacobson, President of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE), issued the following statement on the outcomes of the 31st Conference of the Parties (COP 31) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Antalya, Türkiye:

> "Although the lack of a COP 31 political consensus sends mixed signals to the global community, the implementation dialogue in Antalya sent a clear message that climate action continues its forward progress.
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> "The reality is that the work to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement is getting harder. Countries are seeking to accelerate progress toward existing emissions reduction commitments and investment goals while confronting the mounting human and economic costs of climate change. This inter-governmental process has an important role to play in addressing these challenges, and its future success depends on true collaboration and partnership with the private sector and civil society.
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> "COP 31 delivered positive outcomes in several areas of importance to our coalition. BCSE helped elevate energy efficiency as a critical decarbonization solution, demonstrating state-of-the-art innovations and mobilizing more than 300 businesses and organizations through a global business letter.
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> "BCSE welcomed progress in the negotiations on the implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, which supports international cooperation through carbon markets. The continued focus of the Global Climate Action Agenda on the role of the power sector and energy infrastructure to support decarbonization, advance sustainable fuels, and reduce waste also provides important opportunities for public-private collaboration.
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> "COP 31 saw strong engagement from U.S. state and local leaders and congressional delegations from both the House and Senate. BCSE welcomed the opportunity to work alongside these leaders to highlight U.S. progress and strengthen partnerships for continued action.
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> "Ultimately, progress will be measured by the policies governments implement, the investments that are unlocked, and the energy solutions that are deployed. The challenges before the global community demand greater collaboration and a renewed commitment to this work. BCSE and its members stand ready to help deliver."

During COP 31, BCSE convened U.S. businesses and energy trade organizations, working with governments and stakeholders to share real-economy perspectives on policies that drive energy investment and deployment. More information on BCSE's goals and activities is available on its COP 31 webpage.

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