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**BCSE Statement on Status of Enactment of
Comprehensive Energy and Climate Legislation**

Washington, DC — The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE)—a coalition of leading companies and trade associations from America's energy efficiency, natural gas, and renewable energy industries—released the following statement today from BCSE President Lisa Jacobson:

"The BCSE and its members commend Senators John Kerry, Lindsey Graham, and Joe Lieberman for their tireless efforts over the past six months to find bipartisan solutions to our nation's energy, economic, and environmental challenges through comprehensive legislation.

"Our businesses wholeheartedly support the enactment of comprehensive energy and climate change legislation this year and we urge the Senators to send their proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for economic review, which is a crucial next step for congressional action.

"Our nation has no more time to waste. Clean energy businesses stand ready to create thousands of well-paying American jobs by developing and deploying technologies to address threats to our energy future, national security, and environment. The cost of inaction is clear and has long-lasting impacts. The United States urgently needs a long-term comprehensive policy that will send the necessary investment signals to drive innovation and provide for our country's energy needs in the years to come. If we do not provide that direction, we risk furthering our dependence on other nations for both our energy supply and the technologies that will power our economy.

"Senator Graham said it well: "One only needs to look to China and Europe, where 21st century clean energy jobs are currently being created while we fail to act."

"The BCSE urges Congress and the Administration to do what is necessary to continue the productive work by Senators Kerry, Graham, and Lieberman that has revitalized the debate on a comprehensive bill."

Since its founding in 1992, the stated goal of the BCSE has been to drive policies that take a long-term view of our nation's energy needs and that take into account the full economic and environmental attributes of energy production and use. The Council is committed to achieving comprehensive legislation and stands ready to work with the U.S. Senate in the coming weeks to ensure its adoption.

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