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**BCSE Statement on the Release of the Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Company Accountability Act**

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 from BCSE President Lisa Jacobson on the release of the Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Company Accountability Act:

“The Senate must act quickly on Senator Reid’s Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Company Accountability Act and consider opportunities to improve it when it reaches the Senate floor. In a [letter](#) sent last week to the full Senate, the Council outlined a series of policies that have broad support and will reduce greenhouse gas emissions while driving economic growth.

“Senator Reid’s base proposal will, through the Home STAR proposal, spur investments in the residential energy efficiency sector, creating jobs almost immediately, providing long term financial savings for home owners across the nation, and lessening pollution for years into the future. It will also spur the development of electric and natural gas vehicles, a crucial action needed to promote energy independence and reduce pollution.

“This legislation makes sense and deserves bipartisan support from the Senate. The Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Company Accountability Act is a solid platform that must be strengthened through the amendment process.

“The BCSE welcomes Senator Reid’s call for continued work on a bipartisan solution to our nation’s energy needs and the threats posed by climate change. We look forward to working with members of the Senate and their staffs during the recess on this plan both here in Washington and in states across the nation where BCSE members are building the foundations of the clean energy economy.

“Our industries urge the Senate to act this year to establish the rules that will define our 21st century energy production and use and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Without these policies, America will be cast far behind its competitors in Asia and Europe in the race to develop and deploy clean energy technologies. Delaying action imperils our future economy, security, and environment. The Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Spill Accountability Plan is a step forward and the BCSE commends Senator Reid for addressing these important issues. However, urgent action is needed on a set of additional widely-supported and bipartisan clean energy measures.”

*The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) is an organization dedicated to implementing market-based approaches to reducing pollution and providing a diverse, secure mix of energy resources. Founded in 1992 by senior executives in the natural gas, energy efficiency, electric utility, and renewable energy industries, the Council offers a distinct, business-oriented perspective on energy, environmental and sustainability issues. BCSE’s members have combined annual revenues of over \$650 billion, providing America with clean energy services, technology products, and power generation. For more information on the BCSE, please visit <http://www.bcse.org>.*