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**BCSE Statement on Legislation Related to the Environmental Protection Agency's  
Regulation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) released the following statement from President Lisa Jacobson today on legislation related to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) regulation of greenhouse gas emissions:

"The U.S. Congress is considering legislative proposals to stop or slow the pace of EPA's regulation of greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act.

"As a broad-based coalition of companies and trade associations in the energy efficiency, renewable energy and natural gas sectors, the Business Council for Sustainable Energy favors a federal legislative approach to regulate greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, the Council urges immediate enactment of federal climate change legislation as the optimal approach to regulating U.S. greenhouse gas emissions.

"As business leaders, we seek a federal policy framework that provides predictable and market-based approaches to address climate change that expand the use of readily available clean energy technologies—such as supply-side and demand-side energy efficiency, a broad portfolio of renewable energy sources, and natural gas.

"In addition, the Council affirms the Executive Branch's authority to respond to the Supreme Court Decision in Massachusetts vs. EPA and to the scientific evidence substantiating the adverse impacts of global climate change. The Council does not believe that Congress should restrict EPA's ability to respond to scientific findings and the Supreme Court's ruling, through funding cuts or other means.

"Further, while we acknowledge the complications and challenges under the Clean Air Act to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, if applied appropriately, market signals stemming from federal regulatory action could expand domestic clean energy manufacturing, create high quality American jobs and make the nation more energy independent."

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