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**Business Coalition Pledges Support to Enact Critical Energy and Climate Change Legislation and Urges Congress Not to Lose Momentum**

Washington, DC, May 7, 2009 – Clean energy businesses today pledged their support to work with key congressional leaders to swiftly enact critical energy and climate change legislation that will move the nation toward a clean energy economy.

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy encouraged House leadership to maintain momentum generated by the release of draft legislation, known as the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACESA), and to move the legislation forward. President Obama's meeting with 36 Democrats on the House Energy & Commerce Committee at the White House this week signaled the same sense of urgency to enact legislation. The Council is encouraged by the continuation of this dialogue and offers its expertise and assistance to both Congressional and Administration officials to improve the legislation and move it forward.

A copy of the Council's recommendations on the ACESA, released by Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman (D-CA) and Subcommittee Chairman Ed Markey (D-MA), can be found on the Council's website at [http://www.bcse.org/images/pdf/bcse\\_acesa\\_fnl\\_%205.6.09.pdf](http://www.bcse.org/images/pdf/bcse_acesa_fnl_%205.6.09.pdf).

The Council strongly advocates passage of a suite of complementary policies to address energy and climate change goals, including adoption of a national, market-based cap-and-trade program that includes mechanisms and incentives to deploy existing clean energy sources, including wind, solar, geothermal, hydropower, natural gas, advanced batteries, biomass, fuel cells, and all investments in supply-side and demand-side energy efficiency. These cost-effective technologies represent the only available options for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and for addressing pressing energy challenges over the next decade, and will result in near-term and lower cost emissions reductions.

The Council's specific comments on the draft legislation include its position on

- Renewable Electricity Standard (RES)
- Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS)
- Additional Energy Efficiency Provisions
- Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions, Allowance Allocation Policy and Offsets
- Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Tax Incentives

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*The Council is an industry coalition that includes businesses and trade associations representing the energy efficiency, renewable energy and natural gas industries. These industries showcase a suite of currently available technology options that can strengthen domestic energy security and also reduce emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change. For more information about the Council please visit our website at [www.bcse.org](http://www.bcse.org).*