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Dear Senators,

We, the undersigned companies, are part of America's advanced energy industry. We are building and operating the wind farms, solar power projects, batteries, and electric vehicle charging hubs across our country. We support American manufacturing and endeavor to buy US-made products. However, that is not often possible. It is in everyone's interest for the United States to host an expansive advanced energy manufacturing sector, and we support the policies that can achieve that future.

In order to unleash the next wave of American advanced energy manufacturing, federal policy must create the business environment that encourages a domestic supply chain – both by increasing the size of the clean energy market and by lowering the cost of U.S. manufacturing capacity. Passing a clean energy tax package that encourages renewables, battery storage and electric vehicle charging infrastructure will grow the advanced energy market. At the same time, federal manufacturing policy can support the cost-competitive production of domestic clean energy products in the U.S.

We are writing today to urge you to pass a reconciliation package that creates a new, constructive business environment for domestic advanced energy manufacturing. This can be accomplished by including well-crafted legislation, already under consideration in Congress, that creates transferrable, production-based tax credits for domestic manufacture of advanced energy technologies. These policies should be available to facilities that undertake assembly and subassembly of advanced energy technologies both remotely and onsite. These policies can swing the pendulum towards domestic manufacturing growth by lowering the cost American-made advanced energy products.

Growing an industrial base requires reliable and constructive policies. Import penalties – in part because of their unpredictability – do not create new domestic manufacturing. They raise the cost of clean energy, decrease the deployment of renewable technologies, and impede progress towards decarbonizing the American economy. At this moment of rising prices, that is acutely problematic. The current investigation of solar imports at the Department of Commerce is a case in point. The potential for new trade duties have frozen the market for solar imports, and solar companies of all sizes are forced to pause their businesses and raise their prices in the face of looming duties and an extreme supply shortage. This investigation is discouraging American clean energy development while failing to encourage domestic advanced energy manufacturing. Federal policy ought to encourage new domestic manufacturing, not discourage deployment.

Ultimately, disruptive and costly trade policies will not grow domestic manufacturing of advanced energy, nor expand our demand for US-made products. But transferrable, production-based tax credits will, especially when paired with policies that grow markets and accelerate demand. We are the companies strengthening American energy security and independence, building our 21st century energy infrastructure. Smart, constructive policies, like those discussed above, will enable us to purchase and deploy more American-made advanced energy technologies and support U.S. manufacturing.

We appreciate your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Regards,







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