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Dear Representatives:

We applaud your leadership in recently introducing the “Technologies for Energy Security Act.” As you know, advanced energy technologies have been eligible for the Investment Tax Credit (ITC). Your important bi-partisan legislation would extend the ITC both for the business Section 48 and residential Section 25D credits, thereby providing parity for all technologies.

In order to avoid serious market disruption and provide businesses, investors, end-users, and consumers with the ability to plan in the short- to mid-term, this legislation is “must pass” on the first available and appropriate legislative vehicle. Both the business and residential credits are essential to help ensure fair competition and access in the marketplace for clean energy solutions.

The ITC is critical to a range of advanced energy technologies such as fuel cells, geothermal, small wind, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), microturbines, and thermal energy that help expand and diversify the nation’s electricity supply and lower costs for consumers.

Their use enhances energy independence and security, all while strengthening the resilience and reliability of the U.S. power grid. These technologies can improve efficiency and reduce long-term costs, while increasing sustainability for hospitals, universities, small businesses, rural citizens, as well as Fortune 500 companies. Moreover, advanced energy technology deployment in the United States drives innovation, business and job growth, increases economic activity and manufacturing, as well as enhancing national security.

Advanced energy technologies require years of research and development, trials, production, and scaling to cultivate a concept into a commercialized, established business. The ITC has been critical in incentivizing early adoption of technologies and driving down costs, accelerating marketplace adoption, and providing consumers with greater competition. The ITC has also been instrumental in attracting private capital to support the deployment of advanced energy technologies in all 50 states.

Again we commend you for your strong leadership in introducing this critical and timely legislation and stand ready to assist in passing it into law.

Sincerely,

Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA)

ACCA is a non-profit association whose membership includes more than 60,000 professionals and 4,000 businesses in the indoor environment and energy services community. We work together to promote professional contracting, energy efficiency, and healthy, comfortable indoor environments.

Air Conditioning Heating Refrigeration Institute

We make life better.

American Farm Bureau Federation

AFBF is the unified national voice of agriculture, working through our grassroots organizations to enhance and strengthen the lives of rural Americans and to build strong, prosperous agricultural communities.

American Gas Association

Founded in 1918, the American Gas Association (AGA) represents more than 200 local energy companies that deliver clean natural gas throughout the United States.

Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE)

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy advocates energy and environmental policies that promote markets for clean, efficient and sustainable energy products and services.

Distributed Wind Energy Association

The Distributed Wind Energy Association (DWEA) is a collaborative group comprised of manufacturers, distributors, project developers, dealers, installers, and advocates, whose primary mission is to promote and foster all aspects of the distributed wind energy industry.

Environmental and Energy Study Institute

The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting environmentally sustainable societies. EESI believes meeting this goal requires transitions to social and economic patterns that sustain people, the environment and the natural resources upon which present and future generations depend.

Fuel Cell & Hydrogen Energy Association

The Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association (FCHEA) is the trade association for the fuel cell and hydrogen energy industry, and is dedicated to the commercialization of fuel cells and hydrogen energy technologies. Fuel cells and hydrogen energy technologies deliver clean, reliable power to leading edge corporate, academic and public sector users.

Geothermal Exchange Organization

The Geothermal Exchange Organization (GEO) is The Voice of the Geothermal Heat Pump Industry in the United States. As a non-profit trade association, we promote the manufacture, design and installation of GeoExchange® systems—the most energy efficient and environmentally friendly heating and cooling technology in the world.

Heating, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI)

HARDI (Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International) is the single voice of wholesale distribution within the HVACR industry.

National Apartment Association

The National Apartment Association (NAA) is America's leading voice for the apartment housing industry. We provide members with the most comprehensive range of strategic, educational, operational, networking, and advocacy resources they need to learn, to lead and to succeed. Our mission is to enable every single one of our members to fulfill his or her professional goals with great competence, speed and the highest standard of ethics. We will continue to provide the best value of any professional organization by consistently offering the greatest tangible returns.

National Association of Home Builders

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) helps its members build communities. Each year, NAHB's members construct about 80% of the new homes built in the United States, both single-family and multifamily.

National Groundwater Association

NGWA is a not-for-profit professional society and trade association for the groundwater industry. Our members from all 50 states include some of the country's leading public and private sector groundwater scientists, engineers, water well contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers of groundwater-related products and services. The Association's vision is to be the leading community of groundwater professionals that promotes the responsible development, use and management of groundwater resources.

National Leased Housing Association

NLHA is a sophisticated and effective force in dealing with the changing political and economic realities of low and moderate income housing. NLHA consistently provides its members with timely, detailed information on the latest program developments and requirements. An architect of the Section 8 project-based and tenant-based housing legislation, NLHA leads in the formation of national housing policy and is a key player when program and funding decisions are being made in Congress, at HUD and Treasury.

National Multifamily Housing Council

NMHC is the place where the leaders of the apartment industry come together to guide their future success. With the industry's most prominent and creative leaders at the helm, NMHC provides a forum for insight, advocacy and action that enable both members and the communities they build to thrive.

Natural Resources Defense Council

We combine the power of more than two million members and online activists with the expertise of some 500 scientists, lawyers, and policy advocates across the globe to ensure the rights of all people to the air, the water, and the wild.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

NRECA is the national service organization for more than 900 not-for-profit rural electric cooperatives and public power districts providing retail electric service to more than 42 million consumers in 47 states and whose retail sales account for approximately 12 percent of total electricity sales in the United States.

The Pew Charitable Trusts

The Pew Charitable Trusts is a non-profit, non-partisan research and advocacy organization. Our Clean Energy initiative strives to accelerate clean energy solutions that improve the economy, national security, and the environment.

Windustry

Windustry's mission is to promote sustainable energy solutions and empower communities to develop and own clean energy assets. As an independent voice acting in support of communities, we work — through education, outreach, and advocacy — to advance broad community ownership of renewable energy.