

# **Growing Renewable Energy and Efficiency Now Act**

## **Statements of Support**

### Natural Resources Defense Council

- “As we look to the future, Congress must focus on how to put us on a path to a better, healthier and more prosperous future. Thankfully, the GREEN Act will help us build a safer, healthier economy. This ambitious package of support for clean energy will put people back to work in this critical sector, help communities hurt by the economic downturn, and confront the urgent threat of climate change. Congress needs to pass these incentives as soon as possible.” - Marc Boom, Director for Government Affairs at Natural Resources Defense Council

### National Wildlife Fund

- “The energy tax credit extensions offered through the GREEN Act will help our country make the necessary transition to clean energy as we incentivize solar, wind, and other zero-carbon energy job creation,” said Shannon Heyck-Williams, director of climate and energy policy at the National Wildlife Federation. “Thank you to Reps. Thompson and Neal for leading this legislative push. Now we must work to bring back the 600,000 clean energy jobs that have been lost in the last three months so these credit extensions can be put to best use.”

### Sierra Club

- “The Sierra Club supports the multiple proposals advanced in the GREEN Act that invest in clean energy, specifically solar, on- and offshore wind, electric vehicles, energy storage, and energy efficiency. These investments, which must be preceded by immediate relief policy for an industry devastated by the pandemic, would significantly aid efforts to curb the harmful emissions fueling the climate crisis and contributing to poor respiratory health. As Congress begins to debate this bold and necessary legislation, we also expect them to address the subsidies in this bill which would prop-up energy sources that have a detrimental effect on our climate and public health. We look forward to working with climate champions to improve and pass this legislation.”

### Environmental Defense Fund

- “The GREEN ACT would provide critical investments in clean technologies that create jobs while cutting air and climate pollution. Especially in light of the over 620,000 clean energy jobs lost in recent months, the GREEN Act would bring urgently needed policy certainty and relief to workers, manufacturers, investors and consumers. Expanded deployment of clean technologies is key as we seek to rebuild a safer and healthier country with an economy where all people can prosper, and we applaud Chairman Neal, Subcommittee Chairman Thompson, and members of the Ways & Means Committee for introducing the GREEN Act

and urging its inclusion in the INVEST in America Act (H.R. 2)” - Elizabeth Gore, EDF Senior Vice President, Political Affairs

#### League of Conservation Voters

- Matthew Davis LCV Legislative Director: “With the Covid-19 crisis resulting in 620,500 clean energy workers losing their jobs and highlighting the deadly health impacts of air pollution on communities of color, it’s critical that Congress provide the kind of immediate support outlined in the GREEN Act to clean energy and environmental justice communities so we can accelerate emissions reductions and our transition to a cleaner more equitable future.”

#### Citizens' Climate Lobby

- “We at Citizens’ Climate Lobby are very encouraged to see the Rep. Thompson and the Ways and Means Committee put forth the GREEN Act. Recent public polling shows that Americans are still highly concerned about climate change, even while our country faces other challenges. We’re glad to see that the Ways and Means Committee shares that concern. In particular, COVID-19 has taken a toll on clean energy jobs. The GREEN Act will help put Americans back to work in a way that benefits the economy and the planet.” - Mark Reynolds, Executive Director of Citizens’ Climate

#### American Council on Renewable Energy

- Gregory Wetstone, President and CEO, American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE): “We applaud Chairman Thompson and Chairman Neal for introducing the GREEN Act, which would go a long way toward providing a stable and effective policy platform for clean energy deployment over the next five years. In addition to the PTC and ITC extensions, the energy storage, offshore wind and direct pay provisions would be especially helpful in realizing the full potential of the renewable energy sector. We look forward to working with Congress to advance these critical priorities as part of our progress toward America’s renewable energy future.”

#### Union of Concerned Scientists

- "The GREEN Act could help lay the foundation for clean energy growth in the U.S. for the next decade, accelerating and expanding the nation’s use of clean energy and clean transportation technologies, like wind power, offshore wind, solar power, energy storage and electric vehicles, which help improve public health and fight climate change. The GREEN Act would also boost domestic clean energy manufacturing as well as incentivize wider adoption of labor standards across the industry to help ensure that workers benefit from the transition to a clean energy economy. Congress must provide immediate emergency relief to stop the hemorrhaging of clean energy jobs and keep clean

energy projects moving forward.” -Robert Cowin, Director of Government Affairs, Climate and Energy, Union of Concerned Scientists

#### Alliance to Save Energy

- “The Alliance to Save Energy strongly supports congressional efforts to create jobs and economic activity by modernizing energy efficiency tax incentives, and we thank Chairman Thompson for moving this package forward. The energy efficiency sector has lost nearly 432,000 jobs as a direct result of the pandemic – more than any other clean energy industry. This bill – incorporating bipartisan, bicameral ideas on efficiency incentives – is a great step forward and would go a long way toward stimulating demand for energy efficiency and putting thousands of laid off employees back to work. We look forward to working with congressional leaders on these and other proposals as Congress continues negotiating how to respond to this crisis.” – Ben Evans, Vice President of Public Affairs, Alliance to Save Energy

#### Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy

- “CEED supports important critical components of The GREEN Act that move us on a pathway to a more equitable and sustainable future – ensuring equity, and environmental and climate justice infrastructure investments; jobs and training opportunities; closing the transportation access gap; and investing in Historically Black, Tribal and Hispanic Serving institutions of higher learning.”

#### Solar Energy Industries Association

- “We were pleased to see the inclusion of measures in the new GREEN Act that will help the solar industry reemploy people who lost their jobs, and provide new opportunities for Americans in every community to secure jobs and become entrepreneurs in our industry. Provisions in this bill could significantly aid in the economic recovery from COVID-19, spurring hundreds of billions of dollars in clean energy investment and creating a diverse workforce with more than a million well-paying jobs, including hundreds of thousands of jobs in solar. This is a great first step and we look forward to working with leaders in the House and Senate to get critical provisions to the President’s desk for his signature.” - Abigail Ross Hopper, President and CEO, Solar Energy Industries Association

#### American Wind Energy Association

- “Federal incentives for renewable energy sources have proven their value, helping our country usher in millions of dollars in economic investments and reach over 120,000 jobs in the onshore wind industry alone. This legislation continues these successful policies and helps unlock the full economic and environmental potential of the American wind industry. Timing is crucial here to provide needed support for the wind industry as we work to overcome the significant challenges caused by COVID-19. Providing direct payment for the tax credits is especially

important in helping the industry mitigate these difficulties. We look forward to working with Chairman Thompson, Chairman Neal, and the House in passing this important legislation.” – Tom Kiernan, AWEA CEO.

#### Business Council for Sustainable Energy

- June 22, 2020 Statement from Lisa Jacobson, President, Business Council for Sustainable Energy regarding the GREEN Act tax provisions in HR 2: “Prior to the pandemic the U.S. clean energy workforce was expanding, and now, the sector is facing economic challenges and dramatic job losses. As history has shown, clean energy industries can be drivers of the economic recovery. Stable, predictable tax policy is one of a number of things Congress can do to provide relief to clean energy industries and help our economy recover. The inclusion of the GREEN Act in the comprehensive House infrastructure bill, the Moving Forward Act, is an important step.”

#### Energy Storage Association

- "The U.S. Energy Storage Association commends the House Ways & Means Committee for prioritizing stand-alone energy storage for ITC eligibility in the GREEN Act,” said Kelly Speakes-Backman, CEO of ESA. “We applaud Subcommittee Chairman Thompson for seeking a level playing field for storage, as well as for ensuring that businesses can monetize any ITC directly and immediately. The GREEN Act echoes the Moving Forward Act (H.R. 2), the Energy Storage Tax Incentive and Deployment Act (H.R. 2096), and several other bills that seek to make storage eligible for the ITC. We encourage Congress to pass a storage ITC with a direct payment option to support economic recovery that makes the American economy more resilient.”

#### Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association

- "The Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association (FCHEA) applauds Chairman Thompson’s vision of a clean energy future and are pleased to see continued federal attention to expand deployment of zero-emission fuel cell vehicles, hydrogen energy storage, clean and reliable fuel cell power generation, as well as critical hydrogen refueling infrastructure. The clean energy tax provisions included in the Moving Forward Act will help enable the United States to maintain a leadership role in hydrogen and fuel cell technologies, which will be crucial in preserving America’s economic, environmental, and national security. The fuel cell and hydrogen industry looks forward to continue working with the Committee to achieve our shared goals of promoting technology neutral policies to advance clean power and zero-emission transportation. It is vital that Congress provides a level playing field for a broad range of industries to allow consumers choice and not pick winners as we work to mitigate the effects of climate change. In particular, FCHEA will continue to advocate for technology-neutral tax incentives for alternative fuel refueling station infrastructure."

## National Hydropower Association

- “As a renewable energy force multiplier that enables greater amounts of wind and solar onto the grid, hydropower plays a critical role in securing a greener, cleaner U.S. energy portfolio. NHA strongly supports the Growing Renewable Energy and Efficiency Now Act (GREEN Act) and commends Rep. Thompson and the bill’s co-sponsors for their work,” said Malcolm Woolf, NHA President and CEO. “The bill recognizes the value of hydropower, pumped storage and marine energy as integral parts of a reliable, low-carbon grid. It also provides needed long-term certainty to the tax code, supporting modernization of existing hydropower projects and new deployments, enabling our industry to make even greater strides in reducing carbon emissions.”

## Electric Drive Transportation Association

- “As Congress moves to restore jobs and invest in 21st century infrastructure, EDTA applauds Chairman Thompson’s leadership and comprehensive approach to secure the energy, economic and environmental benefits of electric transportation. Updating the incentives for plug-in and fuel cell electric vehicles, as envisioned in the Driving America Forward Act and the GREEN Act, is critical to maintaining the momentum this policy has created in the marketplace. EDTA also appreciates the Committee’s recognition of the importance of electrifying commercial vehicles and expanding the infrastructure that serves the growing electric drive fleet. We look forward to working with the Committee to ensure that these investments serve the diverse needs of electric vehicle drivers and secure the full benefits of e-mobility for consumers and the country.” - Genevieve Cullen, EDTA

## Plug-In America

- "Plug In America, the voice of the electric vehicle (EV) consumer, supports The Moving Forward Act. The future of transportation is electric, and we applaud Chairman Thompson for his commitment to move America forward into this electric transportation future. Electric vehicles provide significant benefits to every American, including improved air quality and savings on fuel and maintenance costs. The transition to an electric transportation sector keeps America competitive with the global auto market, which is moving aggressively towards full electrification," said Joel Levin, Executive Director with Plug In America.

## EV Drive Coalition

- “We congratulate Chairman Thompson and the members of the Committee on this important step toward investing in and protecting nearly 300,000 domestic clean transportation workers as we recover and rebuild from the current crisis. In particular, the inclusion of the Driving America Forward Act in this package is a

vital signal to American manufacturers and the entire supply chain that the United States will maintain leadership in the global EV race.”

#### League of American Bicyclists

- "The League of American Bicyclists thanks Chairmen Thompson and Neal for reinstating the Bicycle Commuter Act in their GREEN Act," said Bill Nesper, executive director of the League of American Bicyclists. "By encouraging more people to choose biking to work, the Bicycle Commuter Act led by Rep. Blumenauer, will be part of the solution to reducing emissions from the transportation sector, the largest producer of greenhouse gas emissions."

#### American Public Power Association

- “The American Public Power Association applauds the Growing Renewable Energy and Efficiency Now (GREEN) Act for ensuring that all utilities can benefit from incentives intended to encourage critical energy investments. The GREEN Act would mean that all – not just some – utilities can directly benefit from energy tax incentives,” said American Public Power Association President and CEO Joy Ditto.

#### US Green Building Council

- “The U.S. Green Building Council commends Chairman Thompson for the introduction of the GREEN Act. Important and timely provisions in the bill will expand the deployment of clean energy technologies and help revive clean energy jobs across the country. The GREEN Act will reinstate and update critical tax incentives that enable businesses and individuals to invest in efficiency and clean energy including the 179(D) energy efficiency commercial building tax deduction, and the addition of energy storage, including thermal storage, to the energy investment tax credit, which owners can use to add resilience and reduce building related emissions.” – Elizabeth Beardsley, U.S. Green Building Council.

#### 179D Coalition

- “The Coalition for Energy Efficient Jobs & Investment (the 179D Coalition) greatly appreciates the inclusion of an extension and expansion of the Section 179D energy efficient commercial buildings deduction as part of the Growing Renewable Energy Efficiency Now Act. Section 179D critically incentivizes investments in energy efficiency enhancements that result in energy savings and, as a result, carbon emissions reductions, while also driving economic growth and job activity. We thank Chair Thompson, Chair Neal, and Section 179D champion Rep. Blumenauer for their leadership and look forward to continuing to work together to strengthen Section 179D.”

#### American Biogas Council

- “The American Biogas Council (ABC) greatly appreciates the Ways and Means Committee’s response to our requests to create parity in our tax code. The GREEN Act will create the equality we need where natural market forces can work and we can accelerate America’s renewable energy industry, to boosting the economy and environmental protection,” said Patrick Serfass, Executive Director of the ABC. “The biogas industry plays one of the most underappreciated roles in the renewable energy industry, creating non-stop renewable electricity, gas, and/or heat, plus natural soil products from recycled organic waste.”

#### Advanced Biofuels Business Council

- “We applaud Chairman Neal and Chairman Thompson on advancing the updated GREEN Act to accelerate innovation in clean energy,” said Brooke Coleman, Director of the Advanced Biofuels Business Council. “Advanced biofuels are poised to drive the next great manufacturing wave across America, while slashing carbon emissions and reducing emissions of toxic chemicals and particulate matter. Oil and gas companies have long enjoyed special treatment under the tax code, and enacting the GREEN Act will help level the playing field for low-carbon energy, create jobs, and deliver certainty for investors ready to build up our infrastructure and deploy next-generation biofuels.”

#### Carbon Capture Coalition

- "The Carbon Capture Coalition commends Subcommittee Chairman Mike Thompson’s efforts to bolster federal investment in carbon capture technology. Carbon capture is a critical climate solution that offers a unique opportunity to reduce our nation’s carbon emissions, while preserving and creating high-wage energy, industrial and manufacturing jobs. The extension and expansion of federal incentives in the GREEN Act provides investors with the necessary certainty to accelerate economywide deployment of carbon capture technology.” -Brad Crabtree, Director, Carbon Capture Coalition

#### Biomass Power Association

- "The GREEN Act offers a long-term tax credit extension and a direct pay option to biomass power projects - features that will help bring biomass projects online," said Carrie Annand, executive director of Biomass Power Association. "Above all, this bill puts renewable energy technologies on a more level playing field, which will help the nation diversify its energy mix. We thank Chairman Neal, Chairman Thompson and the Committee staff for their work on the bill and urge the Committee to pass it as soon as possible."