The Honorable John Thune
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The Honorable Mike Johnson
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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
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Dear Majority Leader Thune, Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader Jeffries:

As founders, business leaders, and investors building American clean technology companies, we urge Congress to pass the Bipartisan American Affordability and Jobs Act (BAAJA) this year. We thank Senators Capito, Lee, Whitehouse, and Heinrich for building a bipartisan path to the infrastructure America needs to lower energy costs, power a growing economy, and maintain its technological leadership.

Each year that Congress delays permitting reform carries real costs in postponed investment, deferred hiring, slower commercialization, and missed opportunities to strengthen America's economy, security, and competitive edge.

Collectively, our companies employ thousands of Americans across more than 25 states and have raised more than $6 billion in private capital. We are building projects across geothermal, energy storage, fusion, advanced solar, transmission and distribution, critical minerals, carbon management, and other sectors that will help lower costs for consumers, improve energy access, enhance resilience, and address critical supply chain gaps. Our teams are working to deliver affordable, reliable power and materials that reduce dependence on foreign suppliers.

We are committed to protecting the environment, partnering with local communities, and meeting rigorous regulatory standards. Projects should be built responsibly, with meaningful

public engagement and thorough environmental review. We do not need to lower review standards; we need clear decision points and predictable processes.

Today, more than 2,000 gigawatts of proposed energy projects are stuck in interconnection queues, and major federal reviews average 4.5 years. For a startup, delays like these can be fatal: investors grow wary, costs climb, and customers look elsewhere. For the country, they mean ratepayers wait longer for new energy supply that can help keep costs stable, while technologies invented here are built elsewhere.

BAAJA offers practical, much-needed fixes, including:

- Clearer timelines for federal reviews
- Streamlined agency and court processes
- Greater project certainty, which reduces investment risk
- Predictable pricing to connect to the grid

This bill also opens wholesale electricity markets to energy storage, sets clearer rules for data centers so that AI growth does not come at ratepayers' expense, and creates a pathway for interstate transmission that makes the grid more reliable and affordable.

At its core, BAAJA helps innovators spend more time building and less time waiting. It restores confidence that American projects can move from concept to construction on predictable timelines.

We ask Congress to pass BAAJA before the end of this session. We welcome the opportunity to meet with your offices and discuss what these delays mean for our companies and the communities we serve. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to advancing bipartisan solutions that strengthen America's economy and industrial capacity.

Sincerely,

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