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Washington, DC 20515

December 4, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
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Dear President Biden,

Your Administration has led historic action to address the climate crisis, all while lowering energy costs for working-class households, creating good-paying union jobs, and advancing environmental justice for communities at the frontlines of this crisis. We write today to reiterate our determination to continue to work in the House and in the Senate—in collaboration with state, local, international, labor, business, and nonprofit partners—to protect and advance efforts to continue this progress. As we prepare for the challenges ahead, we urge you to cement this climate legacy by continuing to deliver the benefits of the landmark Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to working-class people, pushing back against unnecessary and costly fossil fuel projects, and ensuring key guidance and other regulatory documents are in place to limit uncertainty for workers, businesses, households, and communities. After all, the threat of climate change will outlive any electoral cycle.

By working over the next few weeks to obligate funding from the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, your Administration can provide continuity for efforts to adapt to climate-fueled disasters, limit pollution dangerous to public health, and cut expenses for drivers and households across the country. These laws are already delivering for working-class people—in the two years since the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, more than 330,000 new jobs have been created and more than \$370 billion in investments have been announced nationwide.¹ In just one year, taxpayers saved \$8.4 billion from two Inflation Reduction Act programs alone.² But there are so many more good projects, good jobs, and good savings to unleash.

To avoid future politicization or manipulation of climate programs, we ask that your agencies move expeditiously to disburse key climate and clean energy programs at the White House and the Department of Energy (DOE), the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Department of Transportation, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the General Services Administration, and the U.S. Postal Service.

¹ *Two years of the Biden-Harris clean energy boom*, Climate Power (Aug. 9, 2024), https://climatepower.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Clean-Energy-Boom-Two-Year-Anniversary-Report-RES-2024_07_30-DR.pdf.

² Greg Iacurci, *Clean energy tax breaks more popular than expected, as U.S. households claimed \$8.4 billion in Inflation Reduction Act credits for 2023, officials say*, CNBC (Aug. 7, 2024), <https://www.cnbc.com/2024/08/07/american-households-claimed-billions-in-clean-energy-credits-in-2023.html>.

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At the same time, your Administration also has an opportunity to take a stand to protect communities, federal lands, and federal waters from dangerous, expensive, and unnecessary fossil fuel projects, which will serve to enrich fossil fuel executives while harming American households. We urge you to continue efforts to push back against fossil fuel projects and liquefied natural gas export terminals that are not in the public interest, especially as projects such as CP2 and GulfLink are actively being considered. Other projects under consideration—such as the Dakota Access Pipeline, which is being reevaluated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers—would pose significant risks to local communities and the climate. These export projects and pipelines fail to increase the reliability of our domestic energy system or lower costs at home. Rather, they serve to increase the profits of fossil fuel companies and billionaires seeking to export and exploit American resources by selling them to the highest bidder on a global market.³ By taking a firm stand on the side of American households and rejecting false and unsubstantiated public interest claims, as well as harmful projects, your Administration can set a standard both at home and abroad for bold, responsive action.

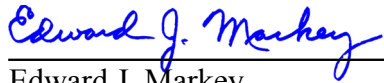
Finally, we support your Administration in releasing necessary guidance for tax credits and decisions for other programs to enable continuity for business leaders and certainty for state, local, and Tribal projects. From addressing local air quality concerns to enabling public renewables, these documents will provide the certainty necessary for businesses, states, municipalities, Tribes, unions, and other stakeholders to continue to unleash the American clean manufacturing and clean power renaissance.

At a time of great uncertainty and threats to so many integral parts of American life and liberties, we are united in our determination to protect working-class Americans from climate change, pollution, and high energy costs. If faced with obstruction, denial, or delay from those who should lead us into a safe and livable future, we will collaborate between chambers of Congress, with state and local leaders, with Tribal leaders, with labor unions, with innovators in the private sector, and with international partners. And after fighting for and winning so many historic climate solutions, we will continue to celebrate and protect the many ways in which climate action already makes our communities better places to live, work, and grow up—from building greener, safer streets to lowering energy bills.

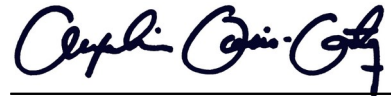
We thank you for your leadership in establishing a whole-of-government strategy to unleash climate action, create good-paying union jobs, lower energy costs and inflation, and provide a safe and healthy environment for all. We look forward to hearing from your Administration on the immediate next steps for these issues.

Sincerely,

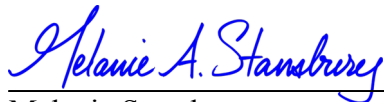
³ Clark Williams Derry, *Gas exports cost U.S. consumers more than \$100 billion over 16-month period*, Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (Jan. 29, 2024), <https://ieefa.org/resources/gas-exports-cost-usconsumers-more-100-billion-over-16-month-period>; Julian Spector, *One big downside of LNG exports: Price swings for US gas consumers*, Canary Media (Mar. 6, 2024), <https://www.canarymedia.com/articles/liquefied-natural-gas/one-big-d downside-of-lng-exports-price-swings-for-us-gas-consumers>.



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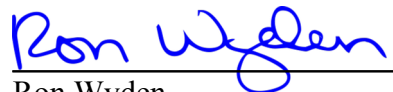
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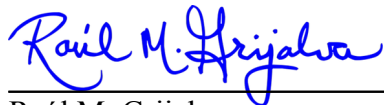
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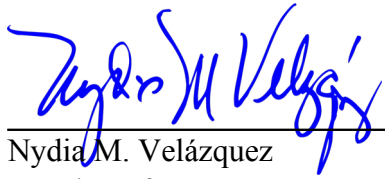
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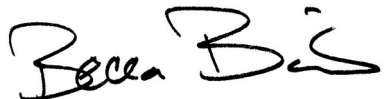
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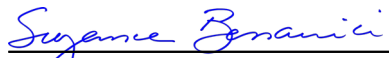
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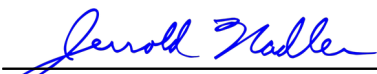
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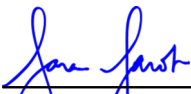
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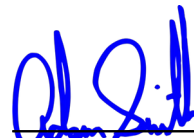
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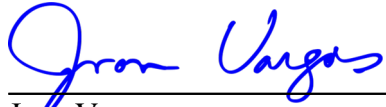
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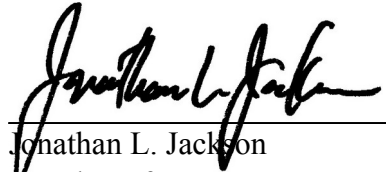
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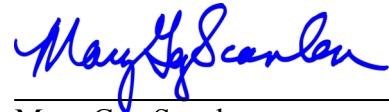
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