

Dear Senate Majority Leader Reid and Members of the US Senate,

On behalf of over 5,000 businesses across the country, we are writing to urge you to put comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation back on the agenda. American businesses are in a global competition to lead the clean energy economy. Please do not allow gridlock in Washington caused by a handful of clean energy opponents to put us at a competitive disadvantage.

The U.S. Senate's failure to move forward with clean energy and climate legislation is hurting America's economy and our global competitiveness—costing American businesses meaningful opportunities to grow and leaving good-paying American jobs uncreated.

Each day we fail to act, the U.S. falls another \$260 million behind the rest of the world in clean energy investments. China is currently investing nearly twice as much in clean energy as the United States.

Every day we delay putting a price on carbon, we fall further behind in the clean energy race—ceding the playing field and new jobs to our competitors.

A comprehensive clean energy and climate plan that includes a price on carbon will deliver long-term price signals that business leaders need to unleash capital and innovation, while creating millions of new American jobs. In fact, a recent national poll showed that a majority of small businesses support comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation, and believe moving the country to clean energy is a way to restart the economy.

We stand with American business leaders in urging you to put clean energy and climate legislation back on the agenda. American businesses are waiting. We can lead, but first you must act.

Sincerely,

