September 27, 2012

The Honorable Howard L. Berman
2221 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Berman:

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) commends you for your work on HR. 2988, the Green Export Promotion and Job Creation Act, which will help U.S. businesses export their goods and services abroad. The introduction of this bill shows Congress’s recognition of the important role that clean energy sectors play in putting Americans back to work and strengthening our manufacturing sector.

BCSE is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and also includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public power and commercial end-users. Founded in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. The coalition’s diverse business membership is united around the revitalization of the economy and the creation of a secure and reliable energy future for America.

BCSE believes that market competition in the U.S. and abroad will ensure robust domestic clean energy industries, creating long-term economic growth and American jobs. The Green Export Promotion and Job Creation Act would better connect U.S. companies with business opportunities overseas for American manufactured environmental and clean energy technology products and services, enabling the United States to secure a larger share of the global green economy.

Not only would the bill promote American firms specializing in clean energy manufacturing and services, but it would also enhance the accountability of the federal government’s export promotion efforts. The Council applauds your leadership in both making the government more accountable and in recognizing that clean energy products and services can drive economic growth, promote global competitiveness and energy security.

BCSE encourages Congress to act upon this important piece of legislation and to also press forward with additional legislation that will expand domestic markets for clean energy and energy efficiency goods and services in order to strengthen the economy and create jobs.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jacobson, President