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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
U.S. Senate Majority Leader
Washington, DC  20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
U.S. Senate Minority Leader
Washington, DC  20510

The Honorable Orrin Hatch
Chairman
U.S. Senate Finance Committee
Washington, DC  20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Democratic Member
U.S. Senate Finance Committee
Washington, DC  20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Reid, Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) urges Congress to provide a seamless, multi-year extension of the clean energy tax provisions that are currently slated to expire at the end of 2016.

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 continued revitalization of the economy and the creation of a secure and reliable energy future in America.

Clean energy technologies are essential to U.S. environmental objectives, energy policy goals, and to U.S. economic growth. Allowing tax provisions to expire would effectively increase taxes on these industries that are creating jobs and driving economic growth, while the on-again, off-again nature of credit eligibility causes uncertainty and makes it more difficult for businesses to make important tax planning decisions.

Accordingly, we respectfully ask that you provide a seamless, multi-year extension of these important tax provisions before Congress adjourns. We look forward to constructively working with you to achieve this important goal, and thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jacobson, President