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### **Clean Energy Businesses Call for Continued Support of International Programs**

Washington, DC – The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) sent a letter to Senate leaders today urging continued U.S. support of international programs.

The letter conveys support for the appropriation of \$10 million in the FY2018 State and Foreign Operations Bill towards U.S. contributions to international programs, multi-lateral funds and institutions, specifically the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in addition to continued support for the Green Climate Fund (GCF).

BCSE President Lisa Jacobson said,

“As an accredited business observer to the UNFCCC for over twenty years, the Council can attest to the role this inter-governmental process has played in shaping markets in both developing and developed countries for existing clean energy technologies. The IPCC’s work also provides critical scientific assessment that assists both countries and companies alike in their planning.

“Preserving the U.S. financial contributions to these international programs and institutions not only protects the opportunity for U.S. governmental leadership but also protects and promotes the business interests of American companies.

“These business interests include but are not limited to the defense of intellectual property rights, the creation of an open and transparent system of accounting, the ability to define and use market-based mechanisms and the ability to access financial mechanisms to fund projects overseas.”

For a copy of the letter go [here](#).

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*The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (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. Established in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. For more information on the Council, please visit: [www.bcse.org](http://www.bcse.org) and download [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#) 2016 edition for the latest industry information.*