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Business Council for Sustainable Energy Statement on President Trump's Announcement on the Paris Agreement

Washington, DC – Lisa Jacobson, President of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy, offered the following statement in reaction to President Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement:

“The Council has been an active business observer at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) for the past 25 years. Withdrawing from the Paris agreement weakens the US government's ability to protect US commercial interests in these discussions as well as in other important international negotiations. This international agreement is an opportunity to bolster American economic development, not a barrier to it.

“Among the reasons cited for leaving the Paris Agreement, President Trump indicated that reducing emissions will increase household costs and result in lost jobs. However, over the past decade, the US has made significant greenhouse gas emissions reductions while keeping household spending on energy low and supporting a vast American workforce. In fact, household spending on energy as a proportion of total household spending is currently at the lowest it has been since the records began in 1959, and jobs in clean energy sectors are growing, with clean energy industries supporting over 3 million American jobs.

“The Council and its members remain resolute in their commitment to taking action on climate change, and will continue to work with the inter-governmental process as well as national and sub-national governments to advance policies that accelerate the deployment of American clean energy technologies and business solutions that are at the heart of the modern infrastructure of the global, low-carbon economy.”

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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 and download [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#) 2017 edition for the latest industry information.