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BCSE Statement on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce’s Process to Develop Comprehensive Climate Change Legislation

Washington, DC – The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) commends the leadership of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce for outlining a process to develop bipartisan, market-based and economy-wide legislation to address climate change. In response, BCSE President Lisa Jacobson commented:

“The Business Council for Sustainable Energy supports a policy approach to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that is economy-wide, incorporates market-based mechanisms and embraces the full suite of clean energy technologies. Options for a comprehensive policy approach to climate change include carbon pricing measures as well as complementary energy, infrastructure and transportation policies that both reduce emissions and improve our nation’s resilience to climate change.

“The Council looks forward to working with Chairman Pallone, Congressman Rush and Congressman Tonko as well as the full membership of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce as they undertake hearings and develop comprehensive climate change legislation. Recent hearings and Committee action have demonstrated growing bipartisan interest by committee members that will provide the foundation for this new effort.”

The Council’s Climate Change Policy Principles document is available here.

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