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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitchell McConnell
Minority Leader
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McCarthy, Minority Leader McConnell and the Leadership of the United States Congress:

We, the members of the Coalition for Sustainable Jobs (CSJ), represent a diverse group of stakeholders that span the political spectrum but have come together in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis to support the clean-energy economy and its promise of family-sustaining jobs. The pandemic has caused dramatic job loss and economic insecurity across the United States. The energy sector has been particularly hard hit, with major layoffs in both the fossil fuel industry and the clean energy sector.

The 117th Congress has the opportunity to turn a devastating crisis into a bright American future. Our response to the pandemic can create family-sustaining jobs that will restore American manufacturing, revitalize forgotten communities, and modernize our aging infrastructure. Most importantly, we can ensure a healthy prosperous future for our families and generations to come by advancing clean technology and energy innovations, reducing net carbon emissions, and increasing community resilience to climate-fueled extreme weather events.

As we begin to recover from the COVID-19 crisis, America can – and must – support the vital energy workers who keep our lights on, heat our homes, and power our industries, transportation and infrastructure. At the same time, we should address injustice by investing in communities historically left out of the high-wage energy industry and disproportionately affected by the climate and COVID-19 crises.

Just as our diverse organizations have come together, the CSJ calls on the 117th Congress to come together in the same spirit of bipartisanship to advance targeted investments in the American economy at the scope and scale required to meet the challenges and tremendous opportunities that lie before us.

Our CSJ priorities for a sustainable jobs recovery fall into six pillars:

1. **Clean Energy Deployment & Investment** that supports increased private investment in building and construction projects through the tax code, direct spending, and regulatory tools, with the



federal government leading by example to expand clean energy and technology in federal projects and procurement.

2. **Infrastructure Modernization** that rebuilds a more vibrant America by putting American workers back on the job in: (1) clean transportation, (2) electrification, (3) housing and community development, and (4) climate resilient infrastructure.
3. **Clean Manufacturing** that, with the help of the federal government, builds cleaner, more competitive industries, returns manufacturing jobs to America, and ensures our workers and communities are at the forefront of the global economic shift to a clean-energy future.
4. **Research & Innovation** that invests in and catalyzes the next generation of clean technologies necessary to meet America's climate mission and capture the economic opportunity before us.
5. **Workforce Development & Just Transition** that re-establishes the American worker at the heart of our economy by providing workforce training and community investment, especially for transitioning energy workers and those with historical barriers into the energy industry.
6. **Conservation and Natural Climate Solutions** that revitalizes our farming, ranching, forestry, and marine communities, sequesters carbon, provides a buffer against climate-fueled disasters, and sustains the natural resources that support us all.

When we invest in clean, sustainable, high-wage American jobs, we create a safe, healthy and prosperous future for our families and our local communities.

Thank you for your leadership in advancing the clean energy future today and creating family-sustaining jobs that will power our economy for decades to come.

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Conservation International
Conservation Hawks

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