

July 21, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

We write to express our strong support for S. 2140, the Solar Energy Manufacturing for America Act and ask you to support its inclusion in any legislative package designed to invest in clean energy manufacturing jobs and infrastructure. Recently introduced by Senators Jon Ossoff, Raphael Warnock, Michael Bennet, and Debbie Stabenow, the proposed domestic solar supply chain manufacturing production tax credit would result in tens of thousands of high-quality clean energy manufacturing jobs right here in the United States. Further, the proposal would enhance competition throughout the solar supply chain, allowing for the dramatic price reductions in solar deployment to continue and help bring the country's ambitious climate goals within reach.

While solar is poised to be the world's leading source of energy by 2040, U.S. manufacturers remain hindered by overseas monopolies and choke points on key portions of the solar supply chain. Like your approach to setting a new course for the U.S. on climate highlights, a key objective is to regain clean energy manufacturing capabilities here at home. The U.S. cannot rely on foreign competitors' supply chains if we wish to truly Build Back Better. To reverse the trend of the last decade in which the U.S. has lost control of key components of the solar supply chain, the federal government must invest in long-term, durable policy solutions to attract and sustain domestic solar manufacturing at every step.

As manufacturers prepare to take on this challenge, a well-designed production tax credit such as the one proposed by the Solar Energy Manufacturing for America Act can help spur a robust, end-to-end solar manufacturing domestic supply chain. Restoring a U.S.-based manufacturing foothold in this critical technology is a true win-win, for the economy and for continued technological innovation in the global effort to combat climate change. Importantly, a healthy U.S.-driven solar manufacturing industry will help ensure strong environmental and labor standards in clean energy manufacturing while shortening supply chains and demonstrating to Americans the far-reaching economic benefits of the clean energy transition.

As the U.S. begins to make historic investments in high-quality jobs, clean energy, and addressing climate change, the time to reshore solar manufacturing is now. In addition, the anticipated surge in global solar deployment is too big of an opportunity for the U.S. to miss. You have laid out a bold vision for clean energy job growth in the U.S. with the American Jobs Plan and have continued to press for clean energy jobs in your negotiations on the bipartisan infrastructure proposal. We hope you will agree with us that the Solar Energy Manufacturing for

America Act is a critical piece for whichever package ultimately reaches your desk to deliver high-quality manufacturing jobs in clean energy.

Sincerely,

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