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The Honorable Bill Nelson, Ranking Member
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The Honorable Ron Johnson, Chairman
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The Honorable Claire McCaskill, Ranking
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
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Dear Chairmen Thune and Johnson, Ranking Members Nelson and McCaskill, Majority Leader McConnell, and Minority Leader Schumer:

As companies and organizations deploying clean and efficient energy technologies across the United States, we are writing to express our support for including pre-mitigation disaster preparedness and response measures in the upcoming Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill.

As the hurricane season begins, there is an imminent need to focus national attention on preparation. By strengthening our nation's infrastructure and preparedness, we can reduce devastation and facilitate quicker recovery times when natural disasters strike. Congress has recently considered various legislative approaches, including the [provisions in the House-passed FAA bill \(H.R. 4\)](#), to encourage pre-disaster mitigation and response planning.

In terms of our nation's energy infrastructure, pre-disaster mitigation can include working to create a more advanced electric grid, more resilient building and transportation infrastructure, the ability to manage load more responsively, and more secure power and fuel supplies. A variety of clean and efficient energy technologies and management approaches are available to achieve these objectives.¹

¹ For some examples, listen to *Powering through the Storm*, a 9.22.17 episode of the CEBN's podcast: <https://cebn.org/fuel-for-discussion-episode-1-powering-through-the-storm/>, view our [Faces Behind the Facts](#) profiles, or look at our [member case studies](#).

As members of the Clean Energy Business Network, a nationwide association of small- and medium-size business leaders under the umbrella of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy, we are working to deploy such solutions in communities across the United States and abroad. We stand ready to assist our lawmakers and communities in building a cleaner, more efficient, and more resilient energy future for the nation.

Sincerely,

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