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Dear Chairmen Cole and Fleischmann and Ranking Members DeLauro and Kaptur:

As business leaders and innovators in the energy sector, we are grateful that over the past six fiscal years the Appropriations Committees in both chambers of Congress and across Republican and Democratic leadership have recognized the importance of energy research, development, demonstration, and deployment (RDD&D) with increasing levels of funding. We appreciate your leadership in supporting innovation through strong funding levels, particularly at the Departments of Energy, Agriculture, Defense, and Transportation.

We urge Congress to build on this momentum and continue robust support for Department of Energy and other federal energy programs in the FY26 appropriations process, positioning the U.S. to lead in global energy innovation, commercialization, and deployment. These investments are critical to advancing American manufacturing and meeting rising energy demand while keeping costs down for consumers and businesses

Federal investments by the DOE have helped lead to major onshoring of cleantech manufacturing, with at least [264 new facilities announced](#) from 2022 to 2024, representing over \$100 billion in private sector investment and adding [621,000 jobs to the economy](#). These investments are even more important to help American RD&D pull ahead of [global competitors such as China](#). Furthermore, as many of the undersigned are small business leaders, we emphasize that robust funding for DOE applied research programs directly translates into increased support for the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) initiatives—vital programs that, for over 40 years, have empowered small businesses and entrepreneurs to drive technological innovation and stimulate local economic growth.

While we understand that some reorganization of federal agencies is to be anticipated, we encourage Congress to provide strong support for the following programs:

- Investing in early-stage innovation through the Office of Science, Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, and applied research programs such as the Offices of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Electricity, Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Vehicle Technologies, and Manufacturing and Energy Supply Chains.

- Continuing support for infrastructure modernization and deployment programs, such as the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations and Loan Programs Office, to foster domestic manufacturing opportunities and ensure the availability of reliable, affordable energy solutions.
- Ensuring robust funding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) and the Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP).

We encourage you to continue standing beside entrepreneurs and innovators like us who are helping build a home-grown, resilient, and cost-competitive energy system by supporting robust federal funding in FY26 for cleantech innovation and commercialization.

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