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The Honorable Brian Steil
The Honorable Ron Kind
The Honorable Scott Fitzgerald
The Honorable Tom Tiffany
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mark Pocan
The Honorable Gwen Moore
The Honorable Glen Grothman
The Honorable Mike Gallagher
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Members of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation:

We are writing today to urge you, in the strongest terms possible, to support bold action now to advance the climate change and clean renewable energy policies currently being debated in Washington, D.C. And we further urge you to play a visible, vocal role in moving the debate forward. In fact, our organizations believe your leadership today has never been more important to the State of Wisconsin and the nation.

Given the enormity of the climate crisis, adverse impacts from environmental injustice and economic inequality, this represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to modernize our economy, lift communities across Wisconsin, and finally tackle the climate crisis. The 31 organizations represented here include a broad cross section of Wisconsin life – businesses, labor unions, health care professionals, faith leaders, environmentalists, farmers, renewable advocates, equity and community organizations, and local governments – literally hundreds of thousands Wisconsin citizens from every walk of life, representing city, town and rural voices in every region of the state.

As Wisconsinites have returned to our jobs, in-person learning, and community and family gatherings this year, we know we cannot just go back to the way things were. That's why we are asking you to support Congress's major investments and call for bold federal climate action.

These investments can repair our broken infrastructure, rebuild domestic manufacturing, and create thousands of good paying jobs for Wisconsinites. But we know this opportunity will be wasted if we don't invest in an economy built for the future. That means we must tackle the interwoven crises of climate change, economic inequality, and racial injustice.

Unfortunately, after too many years debating the proven science behind climate change, we have lost precious time in this fight. According to a recent report from scientists at the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#), if we don't act immediately to change course, we will experience a new era of droughts, megafires, and stronger and more devastating storms.

History books will declare 2021 as the year weather related climate impacts finally broke through the partisan gridlock in our country to prompt immediate, large scale and comprehensive action to address climate change. Indeed, every major state and national poll conducted in the last three months demonstrate that there is a **bipartisan mandate for action from Wisconsinites**. In a recent survey, [Data for Progress modeled 77 percent of registered voters in Wisconsin would support additional federal investments for clean energy jobs](#). Support was even

higher for other specific issues covered under the plan like removing lead water pipes. And new national polling by the [Yale Program on Climate Change](#) shows dramatic, bipartisan increases in Americans' belief in and concerns about climate change.

Wisconsinites recognize these investments provide an historic opportunity to build a cleaner, healthier, and more equitable economy that will bring good-paying jobs into our communities.

Please support bold climate action today!

Sincerely,

Clean Wisconsin
Wisconsin Health Professionals for Climate Action
City of LaCrosse
BlueGreen Alliance
Urban League of Greater Madison
Wisconsin Conservation Voters
Dane County
Wisconsin Farmers Union
Coalition on Lead Emergency (COLE)
Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association
Wisconsin Environmental Health Network
City of Racine
Wisconsin Faith and Solar Initiative
City of Madison
Sierra Club Wisconsin
Renew Wisconsin
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Wisconsin's Green Fire
Chippewa Valley Transit Alliance
Bike Chippewa Valley
Wisconsin Environment
City of Altoona
City of Middleton
The National Wildlife Federation, Great Lakes Regional Center
Citizen Action of Wisconsin
Greening Greater Racine
1000 Friends of Wisconsin
Milwaukee Water Commons
Midwest Energy Research Corporation
Midwest Environmental Advocates
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