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To: Members of Congress,

We, the undersigned 36 members of the Appalachian community and allies, urge the passing of a bold reconciliation package that will help rebuild our manufacturing sector in ways that will deeply reduce emissions while building out domestic supply chains and creating good union jobs for coal industry workers and disadvantaged communities, equivalent to those found in the coal industry.

Serious action is required to address climate change and strengthen the U.S. economy for all. Our region's manufacturing sector is no exception. The following provisions must be included in any negotiations around budget reconciliation as well as future climate infrastructure packages to ensure that the Appalachian region thrives through a manufacturing renaissance in the region that generates local wealth. We deserve it.

Appalachia can and should be a leader in the global economic race to modernize domestic manufacturing. Several provisions key to building this future include:



- Key investments to reduce climate pollution in emissions-intensive industries—such as cement, steel, and aluminum. We can reduce these emissions at scale by funding industrial efficiency measures and emissions reduction technology as well as broader supply chain programs.
- Spurring domestic clean technology manufacturing through measures such as \$25 billion in funding for 48C together with new supply chain production provisions that expand clean energy and technology manufacturing and onshore supply chains in key industries of the future.
- Strong funding to strengthen the domestic automotive supply chain, protect workers and communities, and build the electric vehicle (EV) fleet of the future, here in Appalachia. This includes new funding for the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) loan program and manufacturing conversion grants—together enabling over \$20B in investments to retool automotive manufacturing to build the EV technology of the future in existing plants and communities.
- Support Manufacturing Supply Chains and Manufacturing-Centered Economic Development. In addition to investments that support clean technology manufacturing expansion and retooling directly, it is also critical to ensure that we expand and fund the broader programs that provide the economic, technical, and workforce infrastructure and support to strengthen advanced manufacturing ecosystems and communities. Our hope is that these funds can be used to turn our shuttered and shuttering coal plants, as well as the many abandoned former steel sites, into eco-friendly industrial parks.
- Ensure that clean energy deployment tax credits come with strings attached, including labor and domestic content standards and support the retention and growth of domestic manufacturing and high-quality jobs.

These provisions, if enacted, would mean a historic investment in the expansion and retooling of domestic clean energy, vehicle and component manufacturing, the transformation of our industrial sector to reduce emissions and enhance global competitiveness, as well as the necessary efforts to build out robust supply chains for the critical clean technologies of the future—all while building family sustaining careers and investing in communities that need it most.

Any reconciliation package should advance a sustainable economic vision for a 21st century Appalachia—one that is good for working people, communities, the environment and our health. Our communities have many assets, but a sustainable economic future can't be achieved without significant public investment, strong policies, and responsible economic development approaches designed to maximize the benefit to the community as a whole.



We are excited to help build a brighter future for Appalachia, and new investments in manufacturing will help our region's talented and ready workforce do just that.

Signed,

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Blacklick Creek Watershed Assn.

Breathe Project

Center for the Creation of Cooperation

Citizens Coal Council

Councilman Tim Hayes, Dublin, PA

East Vision Partners, Inc.

FreshWater Accountability Project

Global Institute for Sustainable Prosperity

Green Building Alliance

High Road Strategies, LLC

Holy Sacrament Convergent Catholic Church

Kentucky Resources Council

Keystone Research Center

KO Consulting, LLC

League of Women Voters Pennsylvania

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Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action

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Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light

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Protect Franklin Park

Rail Pollution Protection Pittsburgh (RP3)

ReImagine Appalachia

ReImagine Turtle Creek

River Valley Organizing

The Alliance for Appalachia

The Evangelical Environmental Network

Three Rivers Waterkeeper

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