

April 28, 2025

The Honorable Brett Guthrie (KY-02)
Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2161 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman Guthrie,

We, the undersigned Kentucky-based companies and stakeholders, write to emphasize the importance of preserving tax credits that are energizing advanced energy production and manufacturing in our state. We have seen firsthand the benefits that these tax credits are bringing to our communities: providing investment certainty for our manufacturing economy, creating opportunities for our workers, and maintaining our pre-eminent role in providing the energy that powers a dominant American economy.

In Kentucky, we are a Commonwealth that takes pride in our legacy of powering the American energy economy, particularly the coal and automotive industries. As the advanced energy manufacturing industry grows to meet global demand, we have an opportunity to capitalize on that legacy, supplying nuclear reactor components, energy storage and other advanced energy technologies all over the world, fortifying our state's economy in the process. Over the last two years, we've seen exciting – and significant – investments in Kentucky, incentivized by clean energy and manufacturing tax credits. These investments are generating excitement in our communities and among workers about the opportunities these industries could bring to the state. There are already more than **14,000 clean energy jobs in Kentucky** in the battery manufacturing, automotive, grid infrastructure, critical minerals, and clean energy industries. These jobs provide invaluable opportunities for students educated at our world-class universities to build a future in our state.

Since 2022, advanced energy industries have announced **\$15.9 billion worth of investments in our state** including many that have been de-risked by federal incentives. The Fortune 500 companies, utilities, startups and more who see the potential of Kentucky's skilled, hard-working, and reliable workforce understand that we are a smart investment, and these investments could be just the start. Tax credits for clean electricity could support our state's nuclear, geothermal, and other clean energy industries, and advanced manufacturing credits that are already driving investments in energy storage and electric vehicle manufacturing, the recycling of critical minerals, and more across the entire state. However, **only \$8 billion of the announced funding has been spent to date. This leaves \$7.9 billion – nearly half of our state's investment – at risk** if these clean energy and manufacturing credits are modified or repealed.

As Congress continues to work through the budget reconciliation process, we ask that you consider how important these tax credits are to the livelihoods of Kentuckians and the future of our state and local communities. We strongly encourage you to speak with House Ways and Means Chairman Jason Smith (MO-8) and congressional leadership about this important issue. We urge you to fight to protect the opportunities these credits are creating for Kentuckians to strengthen our communities, see our kids raise their own families here, and retain the dignity that Kentucky deserves as we power our country's future.

Sincerely,

Ascend Elements, Inc.
BrightNight Power
Electrification Coalition
Ford Motor Company
Kentucky State Building and Construction Trades Council
Metals Innovation Initiative
ReImagine Appalachia
Rivian
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