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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders Schumer, McConnell, and McCarthy;

Across the country, households, businesses, communities and localities are deploying community solar at a record pace to reduce energy costs, save consumers money, create local, family-sustaining jobs, enhance grid resilience in the face of extreme weather events and protect the environment and community health. At the end of 2021, nearly 4 GW of community solar had been installed across the country, enough energy to power over 700,000 homes.

More than 75 percent of American households do not have access to solar power because they either do not own their homes or their roofs are unable to host a solar system. Through community solar, people can connect to a shared local solar installation that would provide subscribers with equal access to the economic and environmental benefits of solar energy generation through energy bill credits.

Last week, the Coalition of Community Solar Access (CCSA) - the national trade association representing the community solar industry - and more than 80 leading industry members committed to developing 20 GW of capacity by 2025. This aligns with the Department of Energy's goal of enabling enough community solar to power five million American homes by 2025 and save consumers \$1 billion in energy costs.

Early surveys of construction and development anticipate the continued expansion of the sector, but policy will play a key role according to global research firm Wood Mackenzie. To support the continued expansion of the community solar market, CCSA and its members urge federal policymakers to remove barriers and incentivize deployment.

CCSA and its members call upon Congress to pass the first-ever federal funding and tax incentives for community solar projects contained in the Build Back Better Act (BBBA). Swift passage will enable the continued rapid expansion of community solar and its many attendant benefits including equitable access to solar, reduced energy bill costs and emissions, enhanced resilience, and the creation of local jobs. Accelerated deployment of distributed energy resources like community solar will be necessary to meet U.S. climate, clean energy and equity goals at the lowest cost according to analysis commissioned by CCSA.

The Coalition for Community Solar Access – and its more than 80 businesses and non-profits – look forward to working with you to pass these important provisions of BBBA and empower American energy consumers with the option to choose local, clean, and affordable community solar.

Sincerely,



Jeff Cramer
President and CEO

cc: Representative Richard Neal, Chairman, Ways and Means Committee
Representative Kevin Brady, Ranking Member, Ways and Means Committee
Representative Mike Thompson, Chairman, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures
Representative Mike Kelly, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures
Senator Ron Wyden, Chairman, Senate Committee on Finance
Senator Mike Crapo, Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Finance
Senator Michael Bennett, Chair, Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure
Senator James Lankford, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure

The Coalition for Community Solar Access is a national Coalition of businesses and non-profits working to expand customer choice and access to solar for all American households and businesses through community solar. Our mission is to empower every

American energy consumer with the option to choose local, clean, and affordable community solar. We work with customers, utilities, local stakeholders, and policymakers to develop and implement policies and best practices that ensure community solar programs provide a win, win, win for all, starting with the customer. For more information, visit <https://www.communitysolaraccess.org> and follow the group on [Facebook](#).