

Investor Agenda Founding Partners' Statement to US Congress on Budget Reconciliation Legislation

The Investor Agenda Founding Partners Call on US Policymakers to Pass Large Reconciliation Package Complete with Ambitious Climate Investments

We write to you as CEOs of network organizations with thousands of institutional investor members and signatories that manage tens of trillions of dollars of assets. We are writing to strongly encourage members of the U.S. Congress to pass robust budget reconciliation legislation which includes comprehensive climate policies matching the scale and urgency of the systemic and economic risks that lie ahead.

This once-in-a-generation opportunity requires policymakers to work toward a sufficiently large and targeted budget that accelerates the shift towards a sustainable, net-zero economy. Comprehensive budget legislation that includes strong climate and environmental justice policies would engender opportunities for sustainable, diverse jobs of the future that also support a just transition. Doing so advances the national interest of fostering strong, inclusive economic growth, creating good-paying 21st-century jobs, and enhancing American competitiveness in the global economy.

For our investors, failure to act risks economic instability that threatens the risk-adjusted returns their beneficiaries rely on — many for retirement savings. Recently, 587 investors with \$46.6 trillion in assets under management sent powerful signals to global policymakers through the [2021 Global Investor Statement to Governments on the Climate Crisis](#) demanding urgent carbon pollution reductions and rapid progress towards achievement of the Paris Agreement goals.

Limiting the economic and personal damage from the worst effects of climate change and building a net-zero America will require immediate, large-scale mobilization of capital. The \$3.5 trillion budget legislation being negotiated now must represent a significant down-payment on climate action, by fully funding the primary vehicles necessary to drastically cut carbon emissions.

As Congress continues to negotiate a budget, the Investor Agenda strongly recommends Congress to include:

Clean Electricity Payment Program:

- Establish a Clean Electricity Payment Program aimed at lowering electricity bills and reducing pollution, while encouraging marketplace competition and creating incentives for more efficient use of existing infrastructure.
- Increase the amount of clean power to 80% of electricity sources by 2030.
- Meet rigorous standards for worker, public, and environmental safety.

Clean Energy and Electric Vehicle Tax Incentives:

- 10-year extension of existing clean energy tax credits, including the Investment Tax Credit and Production Tax Credit.
- Provisions for making incentives more accessible through a direct payment option.
- Expansion of clean technology tax credits, such as making energy storage eligible for the Investment Tax Credit and 45Q for carbon capture.
- Funding and tax incentives for transmission infrastructure.
- Incentives for transportation electrification including expanded tax credits for EV charging infrastructure and consumer incentives for EV adoption.

A fee on methane emissions

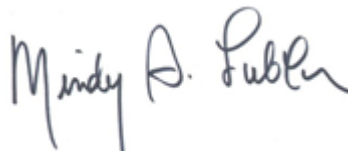
- Impose a fee on oil and gas extraction to reduce potent methane emissions, strengthen emissions monitoring, and plug emissions from wells and pipelines.

Investors are eager to help finance the shift to a just and inclusive net-zero economy and call on Congress to help establish greater market certainty. They believe that inaction will prove far more costly in the long-term than making these investments now, and urge broad, bold and bipartisan climate action.

Sincerely,



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