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Congressman Frank Pallone
Chairman, House Energy & Commerce
Committee
2107 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Ranking Member, House Energy &
Commerce Committee
1035 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers,

The Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) submits this letter in support of your Committee's Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee hearing "The CLEAN Future Act and Environmental Justice: Protecting Frontline Communities." SEIA applauds the Committee for holding this critical hearing. Any new economic or infrastructure agenda must, at its foundation, take into consideration the impact of these investments on vulnerable and historically underserved communities. SEIA stands ready to work with Congress in crafting policy that integrates these values.

Founded in 1974, [SEIA is the national trade association](#) for the solar and solar + storage industry, building a comprehensive vision for the Solar+ Decade through research, education and advocacy. To support our core values of diversity, equity, inclusion and justice, we have developed a policy platform to advocate for clean energy policies at all levels of government that achieve environmental justice objectives and increase equitable access to solar energy.

As an industry that deploys clean, reliable, affordable electricity, SEIA recognizes the critical role for environmental justice in infrastructure policy discussions, and the need for climate solutions to take into account the disproportionate impacts felt by frontline communities. To that end, we have developed with our board the attached Solar Industry Policy Principles on Environmental Justice and Equity, which I am pleased to share with you today.

The solar industry stands ready to support the Committee to advance these principles. Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abigail Ross Hopper".

Abigail Ross Hopper
President & CEO
Solar Energy Industries Association