



September 7, 2021

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Member of Congress,

As our nation is rocked by devastating storms, floods, heat, fires, and droughts, long-standing environmental and racial injustice, and economic inequality, you have a once in a generation opportunity to act on climate at the scale that science and justice require by passing the Build Back Better Act in the coming weeks. It is our fervent hope and expectation that this legislation will enable our nation to cut carbon pollution in half by 2030 -- a goal supported by science and embraced by the President.

To meet this goal, the Build Back Better Act should equitably speed the shift to 100% clean energy powering our electricity grid and new cars, buses, and buildings by 2035 through a combination of a robust package of tax incentives, the Clean Electricity Payments Plan and more. It should center justice by delivering at least 40% of investment benefits to communities of color and low-income communities that have borne the brunt of fossil fuel pollution. And it should support the maintenance and creation of millions of high-quality union jobs.

Given the severity of the climate crisis and the urgency of addressing it, it is imperative that Congress pass a Build Back Better Act that includes the policies and investments that enable the United States to cut its carbon pollution in half by 2030. **That is why, for only the second time in our history, the League of Conservation Voters' connected political committee, LCV Action Fund, has decided that we will only consider endorsements for members of Congress in the 2022 election cycle or their next election who support the necessary provisions and a final reconciliation package that achieve this goal.** Support for strong climate provisions and the final legislation alone is not enough to secure an endorsement from LCV Action Fund and, as always, we will also consider other factors, including LCV scores and demonstrated environmental leadership.

As this legislation moves through the committee process and to the House and Senate floor in the coming days and weeks, LCV will continue to analyze its provisions and work to ensure the final Build Back Better Act is in line with the President's science-based climate goals. We urge you in the strongest possible terms to seize this historic opportunity to tackle the climate crisis head on and build a more fair and just society.

Sincerely,

Gene Karpinski
President