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Senator Tim Kaine  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senators Kaine and Warner,

Thank you for diligently representing Virginia’s interests at the federal level, and for being allies on climate and energy issues, complementing work we have done at the state level through the Virginia Clean Economy Act. We know how crucial your leadership is in achieving a federal climate budget reconciliation package that works for Virginia.

We appreciate your fighting for strong federal investment in the clean energy economy in order to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050. These investments support high-quality jobs while accomplishing our climate goals. The inclusion of robust clean technology manufacturing provisions secures and creates good domestic manufacturing jobs and makes our country more energy independent.

Thank you for also driving towards a reconciliation package that supports workers and enables good middle class jobs. Prioritizing and targeting federal resources to workers and communities in places impacted by this shift, like Southwest Virginia, is a deliberate choice. We hope that the budget reconciliation package includes major investments in workers and communities experiencing the economic impacts of energy transition.
These federal investments guarantee the continued growth of the renewable energy and clean manufacturing sectors in Virginia. Last year’s infrastructure bill was a great start, but not the end, of what Virginia needs.

We know that you have been champions of these efforts thus far. We hope that Congress acts boldly and invests in America to build a clean, prosperous, and equitable economy, and avert the worst impacts of climate change. We appreciate your leadership in enacting the $555 billion climate and clean energy reconciliation package that would do so much to help the Commonwealth in terms of energy security and jobs. This investment shows that Virginia is ready to take the next steps into our future by supporting clean energy and strong middle-class jobs that help our community prosper.

We are grateful for the herculean efforts you have made to take urgently-needed action on climate change. Thank you for being staunch champions of climate action in Washington, as well as your efforts traveling around our commonwealth to promote clean energy.

Sincerely,

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