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The Honorable Kyrsten Sinema
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317 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Mark Kelly
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Re: Arizona Solar and Storage Businesses Support Passage of Inflation Reduction Act

Dear Senators Sinema and Kelly,

Over the past year and a half, we have followed efforts in Congress to pass robust energy tax package that would help the solar and storage industries create jobs, fight inflation, address climate change, and increase our energy security. The release of the Inflation Reduction Act text in the Senate made clear that you have fought hard to include clean energy policies that will benefit Arizonans and Arizona businesses. We are thankful for your vision and leadership in crafting and advancing this legislation. Now, we encourage your continued effort in getting this critical set of policies over the finish line.

Arizona is an incredible solar state, ranking fifth nationwide in overall solar installed, with 5.75 GW, or enough to power approximately 789,000 homes. This has resulted in tremendous economic growth and future potential for our state and every Arizonan.

Starting and running a business is no easy task. The stable, long-term clean energy policies in the Inflation Reduction Act help ensure that our businesses can grow and thrive in Arizona. Hard work, small business ingenuity, and an abundance of sun has made Arizona home to more than 300 companies and 8300 jobs working to advance solar innovation and energy freedom. The jobs we create range across multiple fields, including manufacturing, design, development, construction, and operations & maintenance.

A wide range of non-solar and storage businesses in Arizona benefit from the clean energy economy. In towns, communities, and urban areas, solar drives down company costs and saves businesses money. In rural areas, ranchers use solar to save on electricity costs, diversify farm income and assist with irrigation. And for families across the state, solar saves money on home energy bills. Solar contributes not just to national energy independence – it helps small businesses and families with financial independence and stability.

We strongly urge you to work towards the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, which will enable Arizona's growing solar and storage industries to flourish and lead the nation. We appreciate your support and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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