

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 4, 2022

MEDIA CONTACT: Allison MacMunn
allison@sunstonestrategies.org, 312-622-4004

Over 60 organizations celebrate introduction of historic climate provisions in Inflation Reduction Act, call for its swift passage to address climate emergency, lower household energy costs

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Key Democratic leaders have struck a historic deal to lower energy bills and address the climate crisis with the introduction of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 - which aims to reduce carbon emissions by roughly 40% by 2030 and provide much needed relief on energy costs for families. In response to the announcement, 62 climate, building decarbonization, energy, health and affordable housing organizations released the following joint statement:

“Our groups welcome the introduction of the Inflation Reduction Act for its historic climate investments. As our communities face extreme heat, drought, wildfires, storms and flooding - it’s clear that the climate crisis and public health emergency is already upon us, and these investments set to decarbonize our buildings and homes are coming not a moment too soon.

“Provisions included in this bill will help address inflation, lower household energy costs, and improve our energy security with efficiency and electrification upgrades for homes and buildings - starting with disadvantaged communities first - so that they can run 100% renewable energy.

“The bill will also create good-paying clean energy jobs by strengthening the supply chain and accelerating the adoption of clean energy technologies like electric heat pumps through incentives that include tax credits and rebates. As a highly efficient technology, heat pumps - which provide both heating and cooling - can reduce household energy costs, and widespread adoption of the technology can reduce strain on the electric grid during extreme heat events.

“We also recognize that unfortunately - to secure the support required to pass the legislation - the bill includes some support for the continued production of fossil fuels on public lands and waters. Despite this, the bill gets many things right, and our groups celebrate much needed investments in a clean energy transition and to communities in need. The bill supports a just, equitable transition to healthier homes with incentives and rebates for efficient electric appliances like air- and ground-source heat pumps and heat pump water heaters as well as efficiency upgrades like insulation and air sealing for low- and moderate-income households.

“Today, our groups celebrate these critical investments and encourage the swift passage of this package to secure healthier homes, address inflation, lower energy costs for households and begin to build a more just, equitable world.”

ACES 4 Youth
American Sustainable Business Network
Association for Energy Affordability
Aztech Geothermal, LLC
BeniSol, LLC
BlocPower
Bread From Heaven Ministries International
Building Decarbonization Coalition
Capital Good Fund
CLASP
Climate + Energy Project
Climate Changemakers
Climate Hawks Vote
Climate Reality Project - Capital Region, NY Chapter
Climate Reality Project - Finger Lakes Greater Region NY Chapter
Climate Reality Project - NY State Chapters Coalition
Climate Reality Project - NYC Chapter
Climate Reality Project - Westchester County Chapter
Climate Reality Project - Western New York Chapter
ClimateVoice, a project of the Tides Center
Conservation Law Foundation
Consumer Federation of America
Dandelion Energy
Direct Action Against CenterPoint Energy
Drawdown Labs
Dream.Org Green For All
Earthjustice
EarthKind Energy Consulting
Elevate
Energy Solutions
Environment America
Fresh Energy
Geothermal Exchange Organization
Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility
Green & Healthy Homes Initiative
Hispanic Federation
HousingLOUISIANA
Invest in America
Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Midwest Building Decarbonization Coalition
National Housing Trust
New Buildings Institute (NBI)
New York Solar Energy Society
NRDC
NY-GEO - New York Geothermal Energy Organization
Pace Energy and Climate Center
Philadelphia Energy Authority
Phius
ProjectGreenHome.org

Rewiring America
RMI
Sealed
Shift Zero
Sierra Club
Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Sustainable Silicon Valley
The 99% PA
U.S. Green Building Council
U.S. PIRG
VEIC
Women of Renewable Industries and Sustainable Energy (WRISE)
ZeroCarbonMA

###

*Interviews available upon request, contact Allison MacMunn at allison@sunstonestrategies.org
or 312-622-4004.*