

May 16, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr. President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

We write with deep concern over the impact of the recent decision by the United States Department of Commerce to investigate imported solar products. This decision has created market uncertainty that threatens thousands of clean energy jobs and the deployment of solar projects across the nation.

As Governors, we support the growth of the domestic solar industry and recognize solar power as a key piece of our collective push for domestic energy security and independence. Growth in domestic solar manufacturing is equally as critical and provides tremendous economic development opportunities in our states.

The current market disruption jeopardizes much of the progress achieved by the domestic solar industry and we fear this will only continue for the duration of the investigation. Almost immediately, solar prices have jumped because of dramatic drops in solar product imports, threatening the livelihoods of more than 230,000 American workers who rely on solar jobs and raising energy costs on families. We agree with Secretary Granholm and the

U.S. Department of Energy that these policies put us at risk of a "complete smothering of the investment and the jobs and the independence that we would be seeking as a nation".

As Governors, we strongly urge you and your administration to expedite a preliminary determination as well as an economic analysis of the impact retroactive actions would have on businesses, workers, and families. Until a determination is made, uncertainty will stifle investments and innovation. Such actions will allow Americans to continue building a secure and independent energy future while your administration continues its investigation.

Sincerely,

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Cc: The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce