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Businesses Know That Economic and Job Growth Starts with Policy

In lieu of federal energy policy, states are enacting policies that create jobs and attract private investment in the clean energy economy. State-level clean energy policies are as varied as the states themselves, but all have common goals—spurring economic and job growth while improving energy security and the environment. Federal policies that build upon the proven successes at the state and regional levels will help expand Pennsylvania businesses and create opportunities in the clean energy economy across the United States.

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RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY STANDARD (RES)

An RES requires utilities to generate a certain percentage of power (based on electricity sales or generating capacity) from renewable sources such as wind, solar and geothermal.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY RESOURCE STANDARD (EERS)

An EERS reduces electricity and gas consumption by requiring utilities to achieve energy savings through supply- and/or demand-side efficiency measures. An EERS specifies reductions for energy use, peak demand or both.



DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

Direct loan programs provide low- or zero-interest financing for renewable energy.



TAX CREDITS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

Tax credits generally apply to commercial and industrial sectors, reducing the amount of annual taxes owed to the government. Generally, taxes are reduced by a specified percentage of a renewable energy project's value, based on investment or production.

Federal tax credits are not permanent and subject to regular reapproval by Congress



“Renewable energy generates jobs, reduces our dependence on foreign energy sources and allows business and residential customers to manage their energy costs for decades.”

Sharon Altman
President
Aztec Solar Power
Wayne, Pa.



“The time is now for the U.S. to secure a leadership role in clean energy jobs and manufacturing. In order to realize this goal, we need a two-fold approach. Legislation must be enacted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. At the same time, we need to foster investment in renewable energy technologies. Clean energy policies are a win-win endeavor. They’re good for the job market, good for the economy, and good for the environment.”

Shaun Pardi
President
Envinity, Inc.
State College, Pa.

“We need our leaders in Washington to enact meaningful policies to help stimulate greater investment and production so the United States can compete in the clean energy economy. It’s time to repower local economies by creating a nationwide market for renewable energy development.”

Michael Peck
Director of External
Affairs
Gamesa North America
Philadelphia, Pa.

“It is imperative that the United States adopt national policies that promote sustainability in order to make our country less dependent on foreign oil and more secure. We need to establish incentives that will stimulate private-sector investment in clean energy technology, which will reduce emissions, create a healthy job market and result in a strong economy.”

Kim Auger
Owner
Hometown Green
Chester, Pa.

“North Coast Energy Systems is proud to be part of Pennsylvania’s clean energy economy. We are living proof that real jobs are being created. However, we need a national energy policy so that our industry will continue to have a positive impact on the environment and the economy for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren.”

Lisa DiFrancisco
Co-owner
North Coast Energy
Systems
Erie, Pa.

PLEASE JOIN THESE PENNSYLVANIANS AND THEIR BUSINESSES IN ASKING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ENACT A STRONG CLEAN ENERGY POLICY FRAMEWORK.

www.PewTrusts.org/CleanEnergy

- Enroll your business in our Clean Energy Business Network to receive updates on relevant policies and gain access to our list of resources designed to help you make the most of the growing clean energy economy.
- Join Pew’s advocates to receive occasional e-mails informing you of potential policies and how you can support them.



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