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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20006

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear President Biden, Speaker Pelosi, and Majority Leader Schumer:

As a coalition of some of the nation's largest labor unions and environmental organizations, collectively representing millions of members and supporters, the BlueGreen Alliance and its partners urge you to use your leadership to find a path forward and pass the Build Back Better Act as soon as feasible.

Building back better is America's path toward a clean, thriving, and equitable future. We share a sense of urgency and a commitment to work with you to get this done.

We applaud the work that was done to craft and pass through the House the Build Back Better Act. While we fully support and fought hard to pass this bill in its current form, we understand that further negotiations and compromise will be necessary to find a path forward in the Senate. We urge you to do so and pass a bill that still meaningfully addresses the intersecting crises of climate change, income inequality, and racial injustice while creating high-quality, good-paying jobs and delivering a more equitable and cleaner economy.

We need a bill that puts us on track to meeting our climate commitments and addresses our nation's persistent and unacceptably high levels of income inequality by creating millions of high-quality union jobs in clean manufacturing, clean energy, restoration and resilience, the care economy, and upgrading

our infrastructure. Importantly, these investments must be prioritized for communities that need it the most; especially low-income communities, communities of color, communities facing environmental injustice, and deindustrialized communities, in which workers face far higher rates of unemployment than national and state averages.

We stand ready to work with you to get these critical investments over the finish line. Most immediately, we believe it is urgent to achieve demonstrable progress towards passage by the State of the Union.

Sincerely,

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National Wildlife Federation

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