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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Schumer and Leader McConnell:

We are writing on behalf of the thousands of shellfish-related businesses we represent nationwide, urging you to take an important step toward curbing greenhouse gases. By the July 4 recess, we hope you can take up and pass the package of clean energy tax credits considered by the Senate as part of budget negotiations earlier this year.

We have confidence that you can work together to take this important step, for which you have already laid the groundwork: we thank you for the bipartisan infrastructure legislation passed late last year which included provisions to make it easier for the nation to transition to a lower carbon economy. We are also grateful for the pandemic relief measures you provided in the past two years that kept many of our member companies afloat.

Now, taking the long view, we ask that you take another important step toward long term climate stability, because, as a nation, we need sustained action to decarbonize the economy and build resilience.

Increased air and water temperatures, changing water chemistry, increased prevalence of disease and frequency and intensity of storms already have an outsized impact on our livelihoods and those of our employees. Something must be done to address these impacts, and you have the power to do so.

We urge you in the strongest terms to do everything you can in the coming weeks to bring forward legislation that begins to set us on a course correction for the climate. Any step in the right direction is useful. Beyond this Congress, we are committed to working with you to take additional transformative steps toward a stable climate.

Sincerely,

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