Dear Members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly:

As businesses and institutions with employees, customers, and investments in Pennsylvania, we write to express our support for policies that accelerate the Commonwealth’s transition to a low-carbon, clean energy economy.

Our businesses and institutions recognize the importance of clean energy resources—such as solar, wind, low-impact hydro, battery storage, energy efficiency, and clean vehicles—to give us greater control and predictability over our electricity costs while helping us save money. We can be better stewards of the environment, grow the economy, and bring jobs to Pennsylvania by investing in local clean energy solutions.

We also recognize the importance and urgency of reducing carbon pollution in Pennsylvania and across the globe. Businesses are already feeling the effects of climate change—ranging from unpredictable growing seasons affecting the crops our products rely on, to the extreme weather events impacting our day-to-day operations, to increased heat waves and asthma attacks affecting the wellbeing of the workforce and the health of our employees.

Acknowledging the major risks that climate change poses to businesses and the significant economic opportunity presented by clean energy, we support the policy solutions aimed at increasing public and private sector efforts to address the climate crisis and transition to a low-carbon economy.

We encourage Pennsylvania lawmakers to support policies that will:

- Scale up investment in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and clean transportation in the commonwealth;
- Enact smart, market-based solutions aimed at reducing carbon pollution, while directing any proceeds toward clean energy deployment, energy conservation, and enabling a just transition for impacted communities.
Pennsylvania has been an energy leader for centuries, but the current energy system is at a turning point. In order to maintain our energy leadership, the Commonwealth should embrace clean energy and foster the rapid transition to a thriving, low-carbon economy.

Thank you for your consideration,

American Eagle Outfitters
Chatham University
Dickinson College
DSM
Franklin & Marshall College
Friends Fiduciary Corporation
Haverford College
IKEA North America Services, LLC
Lafayette College
Lutron Electronics
Mars Incorporated
Montgomery County Community College
Muhlenberg College
Nestlé USA
Saint-Gobain
Schneider Electric
Swarthmore College
Villanova University

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Governor Tom Wolf
Secretary Patrick McDonnell, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Secretary Dennis M. Davin, Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission

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Addendum – More information about the signatories:

**American Eagle Outfitters** (NYSE: AEO) is a leading global specialty retailer offering high-quality, on-trend clothing, accessories, and personal care products at affordable prices under its American Eagle® and Aerie® brands. The company operates more than 1,000 stores in the United States, Canada, Mexico, China and Hong Kong and ships to 81 countries worldwide. American Eagle is headquartered in the South Side neighborhood of Pittsburgh, operates a LEED-certified distribution center in Hazleton, PA, and has approximately 5,025 employees in Pennsylvania. The company is committed to reduce carbon emissions 40% by 2030 and 60% by 2040 in AEO’s manufacturing and to achieve carbon neutrality in all of AEO’s owned and operated facilities and employee travel by 2030.

**Dickinson College** (Cumberland County) will reach its goal of zero net emissions of greenhouse gases in the current fiscal year, fulfilling its commitment made in 2009 to be carbon neutral by 2020. The college is achieving its goal by cutting gross campus emissions through development of a 3-megawatt solar electricity project, aggressive energy efficiency projects and green building practices, as well as by investing in carbon offsets. Dickinson is setting targets for deeper reductions in its gross campus emissions for the next 5 and 10 years.

**DSM** is a global purpose-led, science-based company specializing in nutrition, health and sustainable living headquartered in Heerlen, Netherlands. With a workforce of 23,000 employees worldwide, the company operates 200 sites in close to 50 countries. In Pennsylvania, operations include DSM Biomedical in Exton, which has more than 300 employees and provides medical device materials including bioceramics, biomedical polyethylenes and polyurethanes, collagen, and stabilizing technology services. DSM is dedicated to reducing the company’s direct greenhouse gas emissions 30% by 2030 and to obtain 75% of its purchased energy by renewable sources by 2030, with a goal of 100% renewable energy at the earliest possible opportunity. DSM is also among more than 1,400 companies that have set an internal carbon price to help guide corporate decisionmaking.

**Friends Fiduciary Corporation** is a Philadelphia, PA-based investment management company that provides cost effective, professional, socially responsible investment management services exclusively to Quaker meetings, churches, schools and organizations. FFC manages over $490 Million in co-mingled funds for over 400 constituents across the country.

**Haverford College** has cut its greenhouse gas emissions by over half in the last decade, en route to carbon neutrality no later than 2035, a target ratified by the entire student body in 2019 as a plenary resolution. Haverford completed in 2019 a Utilities & Carbon Master Plan to map out an energy strategy for the remainder of its transition to neutrality. Haverford has reduced overall energy consumption on a per-student and per-square-foot basis, resulting in significant cost savings, and it is also looking at opportunities to invest in new utility-scale renewable energy installations off campus along with other institutional partners.

**IKEA North America Services, LLC** has a vision to create a better everyday life for the many people by offering a wide range of well-designed, functional and affordable home furnishing products. Headquartered in Conshohocken, PA, IKEA North America also operates stores in
Conshohocken, South Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Globally, IKEA operates in 30 countries and aims to consume 100% renewable electricity in its retail operations by 2025 and 100% renewable heating and cooling in all its buildings by 2030. IKEA has solar arrays atop 90% of its U.S. locations, has committed to 100% electric home deliveries in New York and Los Angeles by 2020, and has installed 124 electric vehicle charging stations at 37 of its U.S. stores.

**Lutron Electronics Co., Inc.** is a privately held mid-size manufacturer of lighting control products, window shades and systems incorporating those products. Lutron is headquartered in Coopersburg, PA with manufacturing facilities in the Commonwealth as well as other states. Lutron’s founder Joel Spira was the inventor of the solid state dimmer, and his early prototypes and notebooks have been inducted into the Smithsonian Museum of American History in Washington D.C.

**Mars, Incorporated** is a private, family-owned company headquartered in Virginia, USA, with annual net sales of more than $35 billion. Mars’ portfolio of brands offers quality and value to consumers around the world and includes PEDIGREE®, WHISKAS®, M&M’S®, SNICKERS®, MARS®, EXTRA®, ORBIT®, UNCLE BEN’S® and many more. Mars set a goal to achieve 100% renewable energy for its operations by 2040, and set a science-based target to cut carbon emissions across its value chain 27% by 2025 and 67% by 2050. In Pennsylvania, Mars operates a chocolate factory making Dove chocolates in Elizabethtown and a Mars Fishcare facility in Chalfont.

**Montgomery County Community College**’s Climate Commitment Action plan includes several goals to reduce our carbon footprint:

- **Increase our tree canopy:** Our five-year plan calls for planting 50 to 60 trees per year. Currently in our second year, we have planted more than 100 trees, which will help to reduce carbon in the atmosphere.
- **Implement composting:** Students in MCCC’s Environmental Sustainability Club piloted composting in the cafeteria in the summer of 2019, and we will continue this program into 2020. Composting helps to reduce methane gas.
- **Continue our campus shuttle:** Ridership on the bus shuttle between our campuses continues to grow each year, from 7,800 rides in 2017-18 to 10,100 rides in 2018-19, helping to reduce carbon dioxide by 360 metric tons.
- **Install a connector trail:** By adding a connector trail on our Blue Bell Campus, we are able to connect two sections of a major trail in the area. The connector trail will be open to the community in a few months.

**Muhlenberg College** (Lehigh County) is committed to reducing direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions and educating its campus community about these efforts as outlined in its Sustainability Strategic Plan. The college has reconfigured its campus infrastructure, installed high-efficiency lighting, replaced oil-burning with lower-emissions natural gas, applied a variety of energy efficiency technologies, metered and measured its emissions, and incentivized bike and buses as part of its commitment.

**Nestlé** in the United States is committed to enhancing quality of life and contributing to a healthier future—for individuals and families, for our thriving and resilient communities, and for the planet. Our diverse portfolio of foods and beverages provides nutritious options for every member of the family, and supports both the first 1000 days of life and healthy aging for people and pets. Nestlé has five manufacturing facilities and distribution centers operated by Nestlé.
Purina PetCare, Nestlé USA and Nestlé Waters North America in Allentown and Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, which together employ 1500 people. Approximately 75% of the electricity load of these five facilities is powered by a 15-year renewable energy power purchase agreement. This project will help Nestlé achieve its goal of 100% renewable electricity and, by 2020, to reduce its global GHG emissions (Scope 1 and 2) per tonne of product by 35%.

**Saint-Gobain**, one of the world’s largest building materials companies and manufacturer of innovative material solutions, helps create great living spaces by combining comfort and sustainability to enhance well-being. In North America, Saint-Gobain has approximately 160 locations and 15,500 employees, with reported sales of approximately $6.5 billion in 2018. Saint-Gobain's North American headquarters is located in Malvern, Pennsylvania, where the company's construction materials subsidiary, CertainTeed Corporation, is also headquartered. Saint-Gobain is committed to reducing its CO2 emissions by 20% between 2010 and 2025 and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

**Schneider Electric** is a global company providing energy solutions and automation digital solutions for efficiency and sustainability. Schneider Electric combines world-leading energy technologies, real-time automation, software and services into integrated solutions for homes, buildings, data centers, infrastructure and industries. Employing more than 140,000 people worldwide, Schneider Electric has multiple facilities in Pennsylvania with their largest sites in Mechanicsburg, Middletown and Leesport, employing more than 770 people statewide. Schneider Electric is committed by 2030 to power its 100% of its operations with renewable energy (80% by 2020), to double energy productivity, to achieve net-zero operational emissions, and to help its customers save 120 million metric tons of CO2.

**Swarthmore College** (Delaware County) is working on multiple fronts to combat the threat posed by our changing climate. The College is committed to achieving carbon neutrality no later than 2035 while also providing robust educational opportunities that empower our entire community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni to contribute to solving the climate crisis.

**Villanova University** President Rev. Peter M. Donohue, OSA, PhD, established the Villanova Sustainability Leadership Council to develop an actionable and measurable plan to guide the University’s sustainability efforts through 2030. The Council’s work is modeled on the United Nation’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which address many of the issues important to our community, including poverty, inequality, environmental degradation, prosperity and peace and justice. The Villanova Sustainability Leadership Council is a group of engaged faculty, staff and students who are actively working to help develop the University’s plan, as well as proposed goals and metrics.