



## **CLEAN ECONOMY COALITION OF WISCONSIN CELEBRATES ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF INFLATION REDUCTION ACT IN WISCONSIN**

**MILWAUKEE** — The following statements were issued today in response to the 1 year anniversary of the Inflation Reduction Act:

### **ANTONIO BUTTS, Executive Director, Walnut Way**

We are excited to welcome President Joe Biden to Milwaukee, Wisconsin today. His visit highlights the progress made towards the monumental Inflation Reduction Act and our steps towards its implementation. We appreciate the president's focus on growing the economy from the middle out and bottom up, as it aligns with our mission to create sustainable and equitable communities. We look forward to continuing our work together to build a brighter future for Milwaukee and beyond.

- *For an interview with Antonio Butts, contact: Cassandra Flagg, [cassandra.flagg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cassandra.flagg@sbcglobal.net)*

### **MARK REDSTEN, President & CEO, Clean Wisconsin**

This is an exciting time in Wisconsin. One year ago, we saw the largest investment to fight climate change in American history become law. Today, programs are rolling out across our state supporting clean transportation, energy efficient homes and buildings, clean power generation, and resilient farms. And this is just the beginning. There is a lot of work ahead of us in Wisconsin, but thanks to the IRA and the incredible work happening in communities across our state, we are moving in the right direction, toward a cleaner, healthier future for everyone.

- *For an interview with Mark Redsten, contact: Amy Barrilleaux, [abarrilleaux@cleanwisconsin.org](mailto:abarrilleaux@cleanwisconsin.org)*

### **MARCO MARQUEZ, Wisconsin State Organizing Director, Action for the Climate Emergency**

Wisconsinites rallied behind the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, a historic piece of climate legislation that has brought \$445 million in investments and more than 500 clean energy jobs to Wisconsin. Most notably, these investments will invigorate the development of renewable energy, address the climate emergency, and provide young people with career pathways that align with their morals.

- *For an interview with Marco Marques, contact: Tonyisha Harris, [tonyisha@acespace.org](mailto:tonyisha@acespace.org)*

### **ELIZABETH WARD, Chapter Director, Sierra Club - Wisconsin Chapter**

The Inflation Reduction Act is providing so many opportunities for Wisconsin. The clean energy opportunities allotted to rural electric cooperatives are especially exciting, as accessing clean energy has been more difficult for cooperative utilities. The IRA is removing barriers from accessing what we need to respond to the climate crisis and to stabilize energy rates for customers across the state.

- *For an interview with Elizabeth Ward, contact: Elizabeth Ward, [elizabeth.ward@sierraclub.org](mailto:elizabeth.ward@sierraclub.org)*

### **SAM DUNAISKI, Executive Director, RENEW Wisconsin**

The Inflation Reduction Act is a once-in-a-lifetime investment in our economy, offering a clear path to a cleaner and healthier Wisconsin. RENEW celebrates this legislation and will work hard to ensure state policy allows Wisconsin to benefit from the full potential of this transformation.

- *For an interview with Sam Dunaiski, contact: Alex Beld, [abeld@renewwisconsin.org](mailto:abeld@renewwisconsin.org)*

### **MATT KRUEGER, Executive Director, WI Land+Water**

Wisconsin's economy relies on thriving landscapes that support productive agriculture, rural communities, and valued natural areas. The Inflation Reduction Act has enhanced conservation programs for communities that are challenged by climate change. The IRA has enabled these communities to access vital resources and supports farmers and foresters as they explore innovative approaches for sustainable, profitable, and resilient operations. Our state's own conservation legacy shows that large-scale federal investments not only protect our natural resources, but also the people who live and work in the places that are most impacted by climate change. The exciting opportunities ahead will ensure Wisconsin's thriving landscapes for generations to come.

- *For an interview with Matt Krueger, contact: Kristin Teston, [kristin@wisconsinlandwater.org](mailto:kristin@wisconsinlandwater.org)*

### **COURTNEY BOURGOIN, senior Midwest advocacy and policy manager, Evergreen Action**

Since its passage, the IRA has brought nearly half a billion dollars of federal investments directly into the state of Wisconsin. That funding has created hundreds of new jobs, jump started new clean energy projects, and accelerated Wisconsin's transition to a clean energy economy—and it's only been 365 days. The Wisconsin legislature must see this influx of federal funding as an opportunity and work to support the clean energy transition to build a healthy, prosperous and more affordable future for all Wisconsinites.

- *For an interview with Courtney Bourgoin, contact: Emily Halvorson, [emily@evergreenaction.com](mailto:emily@evergreenaction.com)*

### **ABBY NOVINSKA LOIS, Executive Director, Healthy Climate Wisconsin**

In addition to its sweeping economic and clean energy benefits, the Inflation Reduction Act is an important public health measure that will significantly reduce pollution and create a Wisconsin where more people can enjoy long, healthy lives. Wisconsin has already received

\$1.5 million for air monitoring from the IRA. This air monitoring network will generate real-time and publicly accessible data for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) and low-income neighborhoods to identify local pollution and protect community health. By 2030, the IRA is expected to prevent 3,800 premature deaths and 99,500 asthma attacks.

- *For an interview with Abby Novinska Lois, contact: Laura Lane, [whpcacomms@gmail.com](mailto:whpcacomms@gmail.com)*

### **KERRY SCHUMANN, Executive Director, Wisconsin Conservation Voters**

"In just a year, the affordable clean energy investments sparked by the IRA are already helping create jobs, lower energy costs, and fight the climate crisis for households and businesses in Wisconsin. Wisconsin Conservation Voters and its members and supporters will work to ensure this once-in-a-generation investment in a cleaner future benefits everyone in Wisconsin."

- *For an interview with Kerry Schumann, contact: Ryan Billingham, [ryan@conservationvoters.org](mailto:ryan@conservationvoters.org)*

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### **ABOUT THE CLEAN ECONOMY COALITION OF WISCONSIN**

The Clean Economy Coalition of Wisconsin is a group of climate, energy, environmental justice and conservation organizations, businesses and allies. The Coalition leverages the combined strength of its members to enhance the quality of life for all Wisconsinites by accelerating the state's transformation to a clean energy economy. We believe that an economy-wide approach to decarbonization will take our state further, faster – with better outcomes for us all. We champion equity-first policies that create jobs for Wisconsin workers, build healthier communities and protect our natural resources. By working together, we advocate for clean energy-solutions that work for all of Wisconsin's diverse cultures, communities and geographies. Learn more at [www.cleaneconomywi.com](http://www.cleaneconomywi.com).