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MAYOR

September 24, 2020

The Honorable Tom O'Halleran
United States House of Representatives
324 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 4447, Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act

Dear Representative O'Halleran:

I write in support of the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act (H.R. 4447), which confronts the climate crisis and puts our country on the path to a zero-carbon economy by 2050. Our economy must transition to clean energy that promotes sustainability and equity in cities throughout our country. The wildfires and record-breaking storms ravaging communities across the nation are yet another testament to the devastating impacts of climate change.

As Co-founder and Chair of Climate Mayors, we have brought together 461 mayors—representing 74 million Americans—to work together to uphold the Paris Climate Accords and take meaningful climate action in our communities. Similarly, the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group has taken concrete steps to decarbonize the economy and advance environmental justice through our network of 96 megacities around the world. Cities are doing their part, but we need the federal government to lead.

In 2019, I unveiled L.A.'s Green New Deal which commits to removing non-renewable energy from buildings, public transit, electricity, and waste. Our City developed solar incentive programs for businesses and homes and mandated that every building will be



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emissions-free by 2050. L.A.'s Green New Deal also aims to create 400,000 high-wage jobs by 2050. This ensures that while we are remaking the economy, we are allowing dislocated workers and communities to take advantage of new developments and job sectors.

The Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act would supplement the strides cities and states are making by dedicating federal funds for renewable and efficient energy resources, improvement of the electric grid, and increasing accessibility to low-carbon technologies. Similar to L.A.'s Green New Deal, this bill commits to a just transition to clean energy through job creation, workforce development, and environmental justice to protect communities disproportionately impacted by climate change.

We have no more time to waste. The survival of our planet depends on our ability to take bold and effective action by 2050. Therefore, I proudly support H.R. 4447, the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act.

Sincerely,



ERIC GARCETTI
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CC:

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Steny Hoyer, Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable James E. Clyburn, Majority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Chair
U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Energy & Commerce

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson, Chair
U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Science, Space & Technology

