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Washington, DC 20003

Speaker of the U.S. House Mike Johnson  
The Speaker's Office  
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Dear Senate Majority Leader Thune and House Speaker Mike Johnson,

On behalf of Independent Women's Voice, I applaud Congress' "One Big Beautiful Bill" to repeal the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) green subsidies of mature clean energy projects. Independent Women fights for women and their loved ones by effectively expanding support for policy solutions that aren't just well-intended, but actually enhance people's freedom, opportunities, and well-being.

**Green subsidies** are costly, distort markets, and favor unreliable solar, wind energy, and electric vehicle (EV) projects. If IRA green subsidies aren't adequately addressed, their costs could **balloon** to between \$2.04 trillion and \$4.67 trillion by 2050, and taxpayers would have little return to see for this giant investment.

Unsurprisingly, green energy subsidies have failed to spur widespread clean energy adoption—namely of electric vehicles (EVs), solar, and wind—despite decades of government subsidies.

Without government support, a typical EV costs between **\$58,000** and **\$13,000** more than a gas-powered car. According to Consumer Reports, new EVs are **79%** less reliable than gas-powered cars. Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) fared worse, being **146%** less reliable than gas-powered cars. EVs could even be worse for the environment, with their brakes and tires releasing **1,850 times** more toxic emissions than regular tailpipes. Despite mandates and available tax credits, only a small share of Americans currently own EVs. Just **1.4%** of 292.3 million vehicles—or 4,092,200—on the road today are electric.

Likewise, the government has favored unreliable solar and wind energy at the expense of coal, natural gas, and nuclear, in the name of fighting climate change. This decision is not only costly but dangerous, especially in a time of **growing** electricity demand from artificial intelligence (AI) data centers, air conditioning, transportation, and manufacturing sectors. Solar and wind optimally operate for just **25% and 35%** of the year, respectively. Equally concerning is that solar (**3.9%**) and wind (**10.2%**) only comprise a small share of our energy mix, despite being heavily subsidized. As the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) recently **warned** in its **2025 Summer Reliability Assessment** report, adding more renewables, like solar, will “introduce more complexity and energy limitations into the resource mix.” Furthermore, producing more renewable energy isn’t shown to **lower or replace** coal, oil, and natural gas.

Much to the chagrin of its backers, green subsidies—even those contained in the IRA—don’t create viable long-term jobs. The law promised to create **9 million** clean energy jobs by 2032, one million jobs annually. Yet, only **400,000** new green jobs have reportedly been created—well below this projection—with most green jobs created being **temporary** construction positions. Today, the market is increasingly favoring **nuclear power** and **natural gas plants**, not unreliable, intermittent power sources like solar and wind.

For all these reasons, we urge Congress to work toward the swift passage of the “One Big Beautiful Bill” repeal of mature green energy subsidies. Independent Women’s Voice thanks Leader Thune and Speaker Johnson for their leadership on this issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gabriella Hoffman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Gabriella Hoffman  
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