Bipartisan Legislation for a Clean Energy & Sustainability Accelerator: $100B Seed Capital to Create Jobs and Build Clean Energy Infrastructure for an Equitable & Just Transition

- The Clean Energy & Sustainability Accelerator ("Accelerator") is an independent, non-partisan nonprofit finance entity that will create jobs, support businesses, and build clean and resilient infrastructure with the proven green bank model
- Legislation to fund the Accelerator passed the House twice in 2020, and was reintroduced with bipartisan support in 2021
- $100B creates $463B public + private investment in four years, nearly one-quarter of Biden’s $2T climate investment target
- Investment will create 4M jobs in 4 years all over the U.S., with nearly half of jobs in non-technical roles
- 40% of capital goes disadvantaged communities impacted by climate change to ensure just and equitable transition
- Has authority to use funds to accelerate transition away from fossil fuel power and support affected communities
- Uses proven green bank model used in more than a dozen states, including Florida, Michigan, and Connecticut
- Even more states exploring green bank model in preparation for federal action, including, Alaska, Maine, and South Carolina

Bipartisan Legislation to Fund Accelerator Should be Included in Infrastructure Package – Has Already Passed House Twice

- 2019 legislation passed House of Reps. twice with $20 billion funding for Accelerator nonprofit as part of June infrastructure jobs bill (the Moving Forward Act) and again in September energy jobs package; was cosponsored by now-VP Harris
- 2021 legislation updated with $100B capitalization to address market need, re-establish global clean energy leadership
- Included in recommendations in House Select Committee & Senate Special Committee on Climate Crisis action plans
- 2019 bill was included in CLEAN Future Act package from E&C Committee Chairman Frank Pallone

Creates 4M Jobs in 4 Years Investing in Projects, Communities and Businesses Across the U.S.

- Expert study found the Accelerator creates 4M job years in four years by investing in businesses and projects
- $100B capitalization creates $463B investment in 4 years, $884B investment in 10 years with recycling and borrowing
- Independent non-partisan investment decisions attract private partners, “crowds in” multiples of private capital
- 40% of investment goes to underserved, frontline, disadvantaged communities to create businesses, deliver savings
- Provides capital to businesses to build projects in climate-resilience, industrial decarbonization, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, building efficiency and electrification, grid infrastructure, and clean transportation
- Existing state green banks are already standing by, need capital to address $20B+ investment opportunity

Practical, Proven Evidence-Based Implementation Tool to Support Communities in Every State

- Uses proven “green bank” model working in over a dozen states, many more in development to receive Accelerator funds
- State green banks created and funded by Governors from both parties, bipartisan votes in state legislatures
- State & local green banks have generated $5.3B in clean energy investment since 2011, $1.5B in 2019 alone
- Leverage 3 private dollars per green bank dollar. Together, they have created tens of thousands of jobs
- Accelerator will spread model across country, create and fund green banks in all states for local decision-making

Accelerator Strongly Supported by Voters in Both Parties, as well as Governors, Businesses and Thought Leaders

- Polling found 7 in 10 Americans support creation and funding of non-profit Accelerator, including Republicans 2:1
- 25 governors in the bi-partisan US Climate Alliance requested that Congress create and fund a national green bank
- Over 200 advocates, businesses, trade groups and utilities have signed a letter of support urging passage
- Policy recommended by many organizations, such as National Academies of Sciences, C2ES to Evergreen Action
- Private financial institutions large and small actively working with green banks already support the model