

## **The Buy Green Act of 2021**

The federal government spends \$500 billion annually to purchase goods and services. Many of these products have significant environmental impacts, including transportation equipment, building infrastructure, and electronics. Given that the climate crisis is a major threat to our country's health, economy, and security, there is a greater need for socially responsible and sustainable procurement.

The *Buy Green Act* establishes \$1.5 trillion in federal procurement commitments over the next ten years to purchase American-made clean, renewable, and emission-free energy products for federal, state, and local use and establishes grant funding to U.S. companies to invest in clean energy manufacturing here at home. By leveraging our giant federal purse strings to shift to clean and sustainable energy, this investment can significantly affect the availability of clean energy products and services to help grow our green economy and reduce our environmental impact.

### **Establishes a “Clean Energy Fund” at the DOE for green procurement**

- \$500 billion for federal agencies to purchase a broad spectrum of clean energy products
- \$750 billion in grants for clean energy purchases by state, local, and tribal governments

### **Reduces carbon pollution**

- Provides enough funds to electrify the entire federal fleet, including postal service vehicles
- Provides enough funds to electrify all public transit and school buses nationwide
- Provides funds to design, build, and retrofit buildings, including federal, childcare, educational, and manufacturing facilities, to be more energy efficient

### **Boosts the green economy and clean energy sector**

- Establishes a \$250 billion competitive grant program for U.S. companies to invest in clean energy manufacturing and build or retrofit facilities to manufacture covered products
- Bolsters our capacity to create clean energy products that can then be exported globally

### **Supports workers and frontline communities**

- Includes strong labor provisions to ensure jobs have strong wages, benefits, and worker protections
- Directs 40% of state, local, and tribal grant funding to purchases that benefit frontline, disadvantaged, and vulnerable communities that have been environmentally neglected

### **Protects taxpayer funds from fraud, waste, and abuse**

- Forms a Green Procurement Oversight Advisory Board to ensure that use of funds is compliant with clean energy and labor provisions
- Directs the GAO to conduct oversight of funds and publicly release an annual report

A [recent poll](#) shows that 59% of voters support this bill. This strong bipartisan support suggests that our country is ready for us to make big investments to save our planet and build back greener.