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Small Businesses Applaud Obama's Commitment to Clean Energy

Statement by John Arensmeyer, CEO, Small Business Majority:

President Obama's speech Tuesday underscoring the importance of shifting to a clean energy economy echoes small business owners' opinions, according to research we released this month.

The policy surrounding these issues will have a huge impact on our country's future, both economically and ecologically, and is of great importance to small business owners. On June 9, Small Business Majority released the findings of a national poll of 800 small business owners' opinions on clean energy and climate legislation. Survey results showed that a majority of small business owners agree that moving the country to clean energy will help restart the economy and help small businesses create jobs, and 58 percent think that adopting new energy policies will transform the economy and they want their business to be a part of it.

The tragedy in the Gulf of Mexico, which has put countless small business owners in economic peril, highlights the need to push forward on clean energy and climate legislation. We commend President Obama's commitment to seeing this through.

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Small Business Majority is a national nonprofit organization focused on solving the biggest problems facing America's 28 million small businesses. We conduct extensive opinion and economic research and works with small business owners, policy experts and elected officials nationwide to bring nonpartisan small business voices to the public policy table.