



BARACK OBAMA

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To everyone from the American Council on Renewable Energy and the REFF-Wall Street conference, I wanted to pass along my best wishes for a successful event.

Few areas hold as much promise for our daily lives, our economy, and our planet, as renewable energy—and your efforts to build and expand America’s renewable energy sector is couldn’t be more important to our country and our world.

In the decade since we passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, we’ve seen the critical role renewables can play in economic recovery. More than \$570 billion has been invested in and by America’s renewable energy industry while simultaneously moving us closer to a clean energy future. And today, we once again look to you to do even more.

As we experience another economic downturn in America — and climate change’s threat becomes more and more urgent — we need your innovative power more than ever. We’ve made tremendous strides toward generating energy at lower costs and expanding renewable energy to more businesses and households, but we can and should do more. You can help us meet the challenges we face today and catalyze an acceleration in renewable growth that helps safeguard our climate and strengthens our economy.

I hope this conference gives you the chance to reflect on your lasting impact. It’s making a difference not only in the lives of Americans today, but also for the world your children will inherit. Please know I am grateful for all you do and wish each of you the best for a productive and rewarding conference.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style.