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**Statement from the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition in response
to passage of the Illinois Clean Jobs Bill (SB1485) through key Senate Committee:**

“We are very gratified that the Illinois Clean Jobs bill passed through the Senate Environment Committee today with overwhelming support. This echoes the broad support that the bill has already received among members of both the Senate and House. To date, 20 Senators and 39 House members have co-sponsored the legislation, SB1485 and its companion bill, HB2607.

“We congratulate our bill sponsors, including Sen. Don Harmon and Sen. David Koehler, for their hard work in promoting the bill, and Rep. Elaine Nekritz, the bill’s lead sponsor in the House.

“These lawmakers recognize that there is only one comprehensive energy bill that costs less to consumers, promotes a cleaner environment and will create tens of thousands of new jobs in every part of Illinois -- that’s the Illinois Clean Jobs bill. When fully implemented the Illinois Clean Jobs Bill will create 32,000 new clean energy jobs per year, and it will send a strong signal to investors and employers who, too often, are taking their business to other states.

“We are also pleased that, of the three pieces of energy legislation that have been introduced in the General Assembly, the Illinois Clean Jobs bill has won far more support among co-sponsors than have the two alternative bills. We look forward to building on this base of support as we continue our conversations with labor, businesses and environmental leaders to promote this rare opportunity to expand Illinois’ economy and enhance our environment.”