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Dear CleanTech Alliance Member,

2021 has been a SECOND year unlike any other, and we are grateful for your membership and support. While we continued with a full year of virtual operations, we have successfully expanded membership benefits, programming, staff, and secured new funding for programs to grow the clean technology sector.

We established a Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee that will inform our work, external and internal, and grow inclusion in the clean tech sector. We launched Women's Mentoring Circles, held our first Ag-Tech Event and convened a federal delegation for our first Fusion Advocacy week. We continued to welcome members and guests to our very popular Perkins Coie Breakfast Series and our K&L Gates Debate series.

Our member-led Clean Energy Fund Advocacy program helped to greatly increase budgeted funds for this critical program. We deepened ties to federal legislators and their policy staffers, participated on several federal policy briefings, and helped connect members with their delegations.

We welcomed new premium members across our region, to include from our growing Idaho Chapter, and total membership continues to grow. Along with our partners (UW, VertueLab, JCDREAM), we were awarded a Department of Energy EPIC grant to expand our commercialization programming. We were also selected by Washington Commerce for their Innovation Cluster Accelerator Program to create a Built Environment cluster. We welcomed new four new staff members in 2021, expanding our events, communications, and membership teams, and adding operational support staff.

Our plans for 2022 will give you more opportunities to get involved than ever before:

- Members will benefit from networking and engaging at over sixty events in 2022
- We anticipate that our Innovation Showcase will be back in person at the Bell Harbor Conference Center on June 21st. I hope to see you there!
- We are expecting to be competitive for 3-4 additional federal grants in 2022 that will allow us to expand program offerings, increase advocacy, and make your CleanTech Alliance membership more valuable than ever before.

Thank you so much for your continued support. The CleanTech Alliance thrives when our members and supporters are engaged and we're so grateful for your participation. If you have other questions, or just want to share what's on your mind, feel free to contact me at any time. On behalf of our entire staff team, I look forward to growing the Alliance in 2022 to serve your industry and accelerate clean technology adoption in our region.

Sincerely,

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