



RESOLUTION

Resolution to extend the use of private activity bonds for clean renewable energy technology projects.

WHEREAS, Governments inside as well as outside the United States are working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote the use of clean renewable energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, Despite supportive policies and a desire to use clean energy, barriers remain to the deployment of clean energy technology such as price distortions and the lack of access to capital; and ,

WHEREAS, Private activity bonds present an opportunity to provide important assistance to clean energy investment by providing a longer-term and lower-cost financing for clean energy projects, thereby creating new green jobs and helping the economy; and

WHEREAS, Tax-exempt bond financing is a low cost method of financing a project or manufacturing facility with interest costs typically running a few percent less than commercial loans. Lower cost financing can encourage rapid deployment and help make desirable projects more feasible; and

WHEREAS, There is proposed federal legislation that would amend the Internal Revenue Service Code to add additional categories of tax-exempt private activity bonds for renewable energy, energy efficiency, demand-side management, energy storage, electric transmission, smart grid, water conservation, zero emission vehicle projects and manufacturing facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of State Treasurers urges the United States Congress to enact legislation to extend private activity bonds to be used for clean energy technology projects that would help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Approved this 1st day of September, 2009 by the
National Association of State Treasurers

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