The Peter Rothstein Fund

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A Critical Moment for the Alliance for Climate Transition (ACT)

Dear Friend of ACT,

We are reaching out to you personally because of your significant contributions to the clean energy industry and your long-standing involvement with ACT, formerly known as the Northeast Clean Energy Council / NECEC. Your support has been instrumental in our shared success, and your unique perspective is invaluable as we navigate a pivotal moment for our organization.

For over 19 years, ACT has been a vital force in the climate ecosystem, uniquely positioned to bring together diverse stakeholders to advance a just, equitable, and clean energy future. As a result, our work has helped build what has become one of the strongest clean energy ecosystems in the U.S., with progressive policies, spurring innovation, and building communities where entrepreneurs, businesses, and investors have thrived. Our work has also been instrumental in helping the states in our region make significant progress toward their clean energy and decarbonization goals.

Today, we find ourselves at a critical juncture. Like many climate non-profits, ACT is feeling the effects of significant economic and political uncertainty. Recent shifts in the broader funding environment, as highlighted by reports in the media, have created a challenging landscape where federal funding is being culled and philanthropic organizations are being forced to be more discerning. The reality is that this is a period of reckoning, and a time that calls for action.

To navigate this new environment, the ACT board of directors and senior management are taking decisive steps, right-sizing the organization as appropriate and focusing on a sustainable long-term plan, so that we can continue to do the critical work needed in our region to build and support the climate ecosystem. This effort, however, requires immediate support to bridge us through this transition and preserve the legacy and scope of our work.

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In honor of his long-standing commitment to the Alliance for Climate Transition, we are launching the Peter Rothstein Fund to raise critically needed unrestricted funds that will serve as a lifeline for our organization. This campaign is independent of our annual Green Future Gala and is designed to serve as a critical bridge, providing the resources needed to execute our robust plan for financial sustainability and build a more resilient foundation for the future, including a clear leadership succession plan.

This is a quiet, initial fundraising effort before a public announcement to our broader community at the Gala in October. Your donation, as always, is tax-deductible and will be used to sustain the core functions that make our work possible. A contribution, at any level, is helpful to our cause.

The Case for Supporting ACT

For almost two decades, ACT has been an indispensable part of the energy transition ecosystem. While other organizations may focus on specific areas, ACT's comprehensive coverage across all sectors ensures that all parts of the climate economy are advancing in concert. We are the conveners, the collaborators, and the champions for a thriving clean energy sector. Your investment will ensure:

- **Legacy Preservation:** That the legacy of 19 years of leadership in clean energy policy and sector-building is not lost.
- **Operational Stability:** That our talented team can continue their vital work of delivering value to our members and stakeholders.
- **Future Sustainability:** That the organization has the runway to implement a new sustainable plan, including a robust leadership succession and diversification of revenue streams.
- **Ecosystem Resilience:** That the regional climate economy remains strong and intact, especially during turbulent times.

Commitment Levels & Recognition

Your support at any level is deeply appreciated. For those who can make a significant impact, we have outlined several commitment levels that come with special recognition.

- **Up to $10,000 Commitment:** Your support will be acknowledged in our annual report and on a special page on our website as a founding supporter of the Peter Rothstein Fund.
- **$50,000 Commitment:** In addition to the benefits above, you will be invited to an exclusive, intimate roundtable with ACT's Board of Directors and senior leadership to discuss the future of the organization.
- **$150,000 and above Commitment:** You will be recognized as a **Legacy Partner** in our transition, with opportunities for enhanced visibility in our communications and at future events. You will also have a standing invitation to an annual strategic Board-level planning session.
- **Board Member Commitment:** The Board is leading this effort with a commitment of an additional personal contribution, or a contribution through their organization. We are asking each board member to consider a minimum of **$5,000** as a demonstration of our shared commitment to this vital mission.

This is a critically important organization, and your help is urgently needed. We are confident that with your support, ACT will not only survive but will emerge as a stronger, more sustainable organization ready to lead the next chapter of the climate transition.

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