Dear Leader Schumer and Speaker Pelosi:

The undersigned organizations, many of which are members of the Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition, are writing to strongly support the important urban and community forest provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. From combating climate change and creating more equitable communities to improving infrastructure and expanding green jobs, our nation’s current and expanding 138 million acres of urban and community forests and trees are an essential piece of the equation. Furthermore, with climate impacts from extreme heat and air pollution rising, cities and towns are urgently setting new goals for expansion of tree cover to protect our most vulnerable populations.

The bold investments proposed in the Inflation Reduction Act represent unprecedented recognition and support for the multitude of scientifically proven social, economic, and environmental benefits provided by forests and trees across communities of all sizes.

The groups below represent the multi-billion-dollar tree-care industry, state forestry professionals, a wide variety of professional associations including arborists, city planners and public works professionals, and forest, conservation, and water non-profit organizations that understand the value and return on investment of planting and maintaining trees where people live.

Signed:

National Organizations

Alliance for Community Trees
American Forests
American Planning Association
American Society of Consulting Arborists
American Society of Landscape Architects
Arbor Day Foundation
Center for Invasive Species Prevention
Green Infrastructure Center Inc.
International Society of Arboriculture
National Association of Clean Water Agencies
National Association of Conservation Districts
National Association of State Foresters
National Wildlife Federation
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute
Society of American Foresters
Society of Municipal Arborists
Student Conservation Association
Sustainable Forestry Initiative
The Davey Tree Expert Company
The Nature Conservancy
Tree Care Industry Association
Tree-Plenish
Urban Wood Network

State/Regional and Local Affiliates

Amigos de los Rios
ArborPro, Inc.
Arroyo Seco Foundation
Asheville GreenWorks
Boulder County
Bridging The Gap
California ReLeaf
California Urban Forests Council
Cambium Carbon PBC
Canopy
CanopyBloomington
Casey Trees
Center for Regenerative Agriculture
Chicago Region Trees Initiative, The Morton Arboretum
City of Lincoln, Nebraska
City of Providence, RI Forestry Division
City of Santa Maria
City of Takoma Park
City of Toledo - Forestry Operations
Cleveland Tree Coalition
Council for Watershed Health
Don't Clearcut Seattle
Escondido Neighbors United
Forest ReLeaf of Missouri
Friends of Grand Rapids Parks
Friends of Seattle's Urban Forest
Friends of the Urban Forest
Friends of Trees
Holden Forests & Gardens
Huntington Beach Tree Society, Inc.
Inland Urban Forest Council
Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust
Lumbercycle
Madera Coalition for Community Justice
Maryland Forestry Foundation Chesapeake Communities
Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee
Montana Urban and Community Forestry Association
New Jersey Tree Foundation
New York State Urban Forestry Council
North East Trees, Inc.
Ojai Trees
Openlands
Paradise plant medicine
Park City Municipal Corporation
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
Philadelphia Orchard Project
PLANT Parenthood
PLAY, INC
Puente Latino Association Inc
Rid-All Green Partnership
Riverfront North Partnership
Sacramento Tree Foundation
Santa Fe County
SavATree LLC
Save Life Initiative
Save Our Forest/Fallbrook Land Conservancy
Seattle Green Spaces Coalition
Shoreline Preservation Society
Speak for the Trees, Boston
Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates
Sustainable Claremont
Tacoma Tree Foundation
Town of Grantwood Village, Missouri
Tree City Pacifica
Tree Foundation of Kern
Tree Lodi
TreePAC
TreePeople
Trees Forever
Trees Indiana
Trees Knoxville
Trees of Santa Maria
TreesLouisville
Up With Trees
Utah Center for Civic Improvement
Volunteer Forestry/Fire Prevention Programs, Nevada City, California
Western Reserve Land Conservancy
Woodland Tree Foundation
Your Children's Trees