

August 5, 2022

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Majority Leader  
US Senate  
The Capitol, Room S-221  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
US House of Representatives  
The Capitol, Room H-232  
Washington, DC 20515

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