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## Solar Manufacturers Coalition Statement on Maxeon Solar Plans to Create Cell and Module Production Site in New Mexico

The Coalition Reacts to Announcement to Bring Jobs, Innovation Stateside While Strengthening the Long-Term Success of Domestic Solar Industry

*Washington, D.C.*–The <u>Solar Energy Manufacturers for America (SEMA) Coalition</u> issued the following statement from **Executive Director Mike Carr** in response to news of Maxeon Solar Technologies plans to open a 3-gigawatt solar cell and module manufacturing facility in the U.S., an investment of more than \$1 billion in the domestic supply chain.

"We are pleased to see Maxeon's commitment to building this manufacturing facility in New Mexico that will produce 3 gigawatts of solar cells and modules, creating up to 1,800 jobs. This is what our members set out to do when we formed this coalition; reshore the solar value chain in the United States to create good-paying American jobs and be energy independent.

"As our economy transitions to clean energy sources, relying on imports is not an option. Congress designed the Inflation Reduction Act to get American manufacturers back in the game: This investment from Maxeon is another indication the legislation is doing what it was meant to do-enabling the domestic industry to rapidly scale and be competitive.

"Every commitment to build out the domestic solar value chain reinforces our energy and national security goals. SEMA will continue to work with our members and the Biden-Harris Administration to level the playing field so that American manufacturers can sustain a domestic solar supply chain while creating American jobs and securing our nation's energy independence."

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