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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson  
Chair  
House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
2306 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Johnson:

On behalf of the American Chemical Society (ACS), I am writing to endorse H.R.4091, the ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2019. ACS represents over 150,000 chemists and chemical engineers and was chartered by Congress in 1937 to provide policymakers with advice on issues of importance to the nation and scientific community.

Energy production and use have significant implications for our environment, economy, and national security and is a critical and complex policy issue. Federal, state, and local governmental actions help shape U.S. energy production, distribution, and consumption. The ACS acknowledges that currently, no single energy technology is simultaneously reliable, affordable, clean, and secure for all people in the United States. Addressing our long-term energy needs in a sustainable, climate-friendly manner will require a host of new technological innovations; ACS believes H.R.4091 is essential to meeting these needs.

The Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) is a critical component of our energy research and development infrastructure. By pursuing high risk, high reward technologies, ARPA-E will ensure cutting-edge innovations reach the marketplace. H.R. 4091 robustly supports ARPA-E to guarantee its long-term viability and success.

Please accept my thanks for your hard work on behalf of ARPA-E, and I look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or Carl Maxwell ([c\\_maxwell@acs.org](mailto:c_maxwell@acs.org)).

Sincerely,

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