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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Chairwoman
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
2321 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas
Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
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Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas:

On behalf of Associated Universities, Inc. (AUI), I write to endorse the *Energizing Technology Transfer Act*.

AUI applauds the Committee's efforts to strengthen the energy innovation ecosystem, address commercialization shortfalls, and improve technology development and collaboration throughout the Department of Energy (DOE) and its National Laboratories. To maintain global leadership in energy technologies, the United States must move innovative technologies from early discovery to scale. The overwhelming gap at DOE between proof of concept and early adoption in the market stifles American energy innovation. AUI is encouraged by the Committee's recognition of these challenges and the bill's policy framework that seeks to address them.

AUI created and has long-championed an open-access model that ensures the best ideas have access to the leading facilities and capabilities. In that spirit, we believe programs such as those promoted in the legislation are critical for engaging the broadest group of innovators – including those from under-served and under-represented institutions – in catalyzing research and bringing DOE-supported innovations to market

Thank you for your role in crafting and advancing this important legislation. AUI strongly endorses *Energizing Technology Transfer Act* and looks forward to its eventual passage and implementation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam Cohen
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Associated Universities, Inc.