

September 11, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Minority Leader United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the 80 energy, industrial and technology companies, energy and industrial sector unions, and conservation, environmental and clean energy NGOs in the Carbon Capture Coalition, we write to thank you for committing to provide floor time this September for legislation that will help modernize our nation's energy policies and revitalize our economy.

Over the last several months, the House Energy and Commerce Committee and House Science Committee have acted on a number of bills with broad bipartisan support. We wholeheartedly support that effort and encourage your continued leadership in helping to move this legislation forward.

Among the important bills slated for inclusion in the innovation package, Coalition participants have provided extensive input on and support for H.R. 3607 the "Fossil Energy Research and Development Act," which would update and strengthen the Department of Energy Office of Fossil Energy's research, development, demonstration and deployment objectives and programs for carbon capture, utilization, removal and storage. Another key Coalition priority is H.R. 4230, the "Clean Industrial Technology Act," which would establish a cross-agency technology research program to reduce industrial sector carbon emissions. Finally, the Coalition supports inclusion of Section 503 of the CLEAN Future Act, which was also passed by the House as a bipartisan amendment to H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act. Section 503 provisions would bolster federal research, development, demonstration and deployment investments in carbon capture and direct air capture.

These are just three of many bills acted on by the House Energy & Commerce and Science Committees that represent growing support for increasing investments in innovation in carbon capture, utilization, removal and storage; renewable energy; energy storage; energy efficiency; advanced nuclear and other transformational energy technologies. The expansion of these programs and policies will help drive down the costs and improve the performance of next generation clean energy and industrial systems, thus providing more options in the U.S. and globally to meet midcentury emissions reduction goals.

The very foundation of our country and our economy are reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic; this crisis has created the greatest shock to the global energy system since World War II. The International Energy Agency estimates that "global energy demand will fall 6 percent in 2020 – the equivalent of losing the entire energy demand of India, the world's third largest energy consumer." Thousands of jobs have been lost as energy projects have stalled and office buildings and other businesses are shuttered. We cannot sustain and revitalize our economy

without energy and we now have both the challenge and opportunity to rebuild and retool our energy sector better and cleaner than before this global pandemic.

We stand ready to work with you to enact a strong bipartisan energy innovation package that will boost our economic growth, preserve and create jobs, and make the U.S. more secure, prosperous and capable of meeting our global climate challenges.

## Sincerely,

**Accelergy Corporation** 

Algae Biomass Organization

**Baker Hughes** 

Capital Power

Carbon America

Carbon Engineering

Carbon Utilization Research Council

Carbon180

Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions Forum

Clean Air Task Force

Core Energy, LLC

DTE Energy

**Environmental Defense Fund** 

International Brotherhood of Boilermakers

Jupiter Oxygen Corporation

LanzaTech, Inc.

Linde, Inc.

Ming Energy Partners

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Inc.

National Wildlife Federation

NET Power, LLC

New Energy Risk

New Steel International, Inc.

Occidental

Pacific Ethanol

Portland Cement Association

Prairie State Generating Company

Republic Services

Shell

SMART Transport Division (of the Sheet, Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers)

Svante

Systems International - The ZEROS Project

The Nature Conservancy

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cc: The Honorable Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader