

November 13, 2019

Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson 2026 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20510 Ranking Member Frank Lucas 2405 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas:

On behalf of ClearPath Action, a 501(c)4 organization working to accelerate policies for clean energy innovation, I am writing to support the *ARPA-E Reauthorization Act of 2019*. This legislation will continue to support the successful Advanced Research Programs Agency – Energy (ARPA-E). Specifically, the legislation would increase ARPA-E's authorization level beginning in FY20 to \$428 million and \$750 million in FY24 and would ensure ARPA-E projects do not duplicate efforts in other DOE program areas.

ARPA-E has an incredibly successful track record spurring clean, reliable and economical energy. It represents an ideal model for developing successful projects and catapulting them to commercialization. The program's management structure has been successful in incubating innovative ideas while ensuring adequate funding to see the projects through to completion. While the program's statistics speak for themselves, they are worth highlighting:

- \$2.9 billion in additional private sector funding;
- 76 projects have formed new companies and;
- 346 patents have been issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

We are eager to see what additional innovative technologies are developed through ARPA-E and we truly believe the agency will play a major role in the future of our clean energy future.

Thank you for your continued leadership to advance American clean energy and innovation.

Sincerely,

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