

March 3, 2020

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson Chairwoman House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas Ranking Member House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas,

On behalf of ClearPath Action, a 501(c)4 organization working on policies that accelerate clean energy innovation, I am writing to support the *Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act*. The legislation would accelerate the development of advanced nuclear reactor technologies through a range of policies, including building demonstration projects for a range of nuclear technologies, creating a hybrid energy systems research and development program, and authorizing several programs related to advanced nuclear fuel to ensure their availability for the next generation of reactors.

As the United States faces critical environmental and national security challenges, including climate change and the rapid development of new nuclear energy capabilities in Russia and China, this legislation would help reestablish the United States as a global leader in the next generation of emissions-free nuclear energy.

We look forward to working with your committee as it considers this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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