



September 18, 2020

The Honorable Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson  
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US House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann  
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Chairwoman Johnson and Congressman Fleischmann:

On behalf of ClearPath Action, a 501(c)(4) organization working to advance policies that accelerate clean energy innovation, I am writing to support the *Energizing Technology Transfer Act (H.R.8273)*. This important legislation takes much needed steps to improve the ability to pursue entrepreneurship opportunities at national labs and to commercialize the research breakthroughs the U.S. achieves.

The United States leads the world in scientific research due to our gold standard national laboratory and university system. However, we have long struggled with moving excellent research to the marketplace due to phenomena like the commercialization valley of death. Legislation like this bill is making important strides towards bridging this valley.

H.R.8273 provides the needed flexibility for national laboratories to establish entrepreneurship programs for its researchers and allows those researchers the opportunity to explore entrepreneurship opportunities outside the lab if they wish to spin their research into a commercial opportunity. The added flexibility for researchers is paired with access to business resources like regional clean energy innovation programs, small business voucher eligibility, and the technology commercialization fund. Together, these provisions come together to create powerful support for commercialization activities.

The *Energizing Technology Transfer Act* is an important step in supporting the commercialization of important energy research. ClearPath Action is happy to support the passage of the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Powell".

Rich Powell  
Executive Director, ClearPath Action