

July 25, 2019

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

Dear Chairwoman Johnson:

On behalf of ConservAmerica, I write in support legislation to reauthorize and update programs at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) related to the responsible use of fossil energy and renewable energy research and development. We are generally supportive of programs that support renewable energy and promote the creation and improvement of markets that provide consumers greater energy freedom. We support the following legislation to advance cleaner processes for using conventional energy resources, develop the next-generation of renewable energy technologies and hasten our transition to a lower-carbon economy.

H.R. 3597, the Solar Energy Research and Development Act of 2019, which authorizes basic research programs for the development and demonstration of next-generation solar energy technologies. We are especially supportive of the legislation's emphasis on requirements for disclosure and transparency of information for all market participants to make it easier for consumers to understand their energy choices.

H.R. 3607, the Fossil Energy Research and Development Act of 2019 will drive DOE's ongoing work on the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions through the advancement of carbon capture and storage technology.

H.R. 3609, the Wind Energy Research and Development Act of 2019 updates DOE's existing wind programs and authorizes funding for technology research incubators to advance the leading edge of wind research while reducing regulatory barriers to the renewable energy market.

Thank you for your continued leadership on these important issues and we look forward to House passage of these bills.

Sincerely,

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