

July 22, 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 Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES) I am writing in support of your legislation to reauthorize and update the solar, wind, and fossil energy research and development at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). CRES is a strong supporter of federal investment in renewable energy and the reduction of carbon emissions and is proud to support this package of bipartisan bills.

H.R. 3597, the Solar Energy Research and Development Act of 2019, would update the research and development agenda of the solar programs at the DOE, including a Next Generation Solar Energy Manufacturing Initiative. H.R. 3607, the Fossil Energy Research and Development Act of 2019 would drive DOE's work on the reduction of carbon emissions through carbon capture, direct air capture, and other technologies. Finally, H.R. 3609, the Wind Energy Research and Development Act of 2019, in addition to updating the wind programs at DOE, would also authorize funding for incubators on the leading edge of new wind technologies.

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

Sincerely,

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