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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Minority Leader U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy:

On behalf of the Carbon Utilization Research Council (CURC), I would like to applaud the House of Representatives for including important policies that promote research, development, and deployment (RD&D) of carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) technologies in H.R. 4447, the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act. These provisions will provide critical updates to RD&D initiatives in the Fossil Energy Research and Development Program at the Department of Energy (DOE) and are an important step towards the all-of-the-above, low-carbon generation portfolio of the future.

The Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act contains provisions that were included in H.R. 3607, the Fossil Energy Research and Development Act, and H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act. Taken together, these provisions would provide a much-needed reauthorization of the Fossil Energy Research and Development Program at the Department of Energy to align it with current energy and climate needs, and authorize significant funding to develop several first-of-a-kind CCUS demonstration projects, direct air capture (DAC) projects, and large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> storage facilities that would jumpstart a CCUS industry in the U.S. We applaud the diligent work of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee and the House Energy and Commerce Committee to develop this legislative language.

As a coalition committed to pursuing technology solutions for the responsible use of our fossil energy resources in a balanced, low-carbon future, we thank you once again for including these important provisions in the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act. We look forward to working with you to ensure that these provisions are enacted into law this year.

Sincerely,

**Executive Director** 

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