



August 13, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

The National Hydropower Association (NHA) writes to urge you to bring an energy innovation package to the House floor this fall for a vote. As part of that package, NHA strongly supports H.R. 6084, the Water Power Research and Development Act, a bipartisan bill that reauthorizes the activities of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Water Power Technologies Office (WPTO).

As our country seeks to transition to a clean energy future and address the impacts of climate change, continued federal investment in the research, development and deployment activities of the DOE is critical to success. This is particularly true for the work of the WPTO. The Office is investing in initiatives to commercialize new marine energy technologies as well as advancements in hydropower and pumped storage to increase generation and improve performance.

We applaud the leadership of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, working with a broad bipartisan group of members, to develop and advance several pieces of energy innovation legislation, including H.R. 6084, that are ready for consideration on the floor. An energy innovation package is an important component of a climate action plan and one that we believe will not only pass the House, but can be enacted into law by the end of the year.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you on this issue and on other energy and tax policy proposals that we believe are necessary to fully attain our country's clean energy and climate goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Woolf". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Malcolm Woolf  
President and CEO