

December 18, 2019

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

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

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

We support the Advanced Geothermal Research and Development Act of 2019 (H.R. 5374). This bill would establish, support, and reorient advanced geothermal research, development, demonstration (RD&D) while increasing commercialization of geothermal energy. The bipartisan legislation would focus on enhanced geothermal energy systems, including the research conducted at the Department's Frontier Observatory for Research in Geothermal Energy (FORGE) research site.

A recent DOE report indicates immense opportunities, including the potential to use geothermal to meet half of the United States electricity needs. Geothermal is a flexible, dispatchable, and baseload clean energy resource, which would greatly benefit from additional research to reach resources once thought impossible all while significantly reducing costs. As the United States continues to face critical environmental and energy challenges, including climate change, geothermal energy can and should play a significant role in the grid of the future.

We urge the House and Senate to promptly consider and pass this important bipartisan legislation.

Sincerely,

American Conservation Coalition
American Council for Capital Formation
Bipartisan Policy Center
Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions
ClearPath Action
Geothermal Resources Council
Information Technology and Innovation Foundation
Third Way
U.S. Chamber of Commerce Global Energy Institute