



THIRD WAY

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The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
U.S. House of Representatives
2231 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Don Young
U.S. House of Representatives
2314 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Bonamici and Young,

I would like to express Third Way's support for the Water Power Research and Development Act of 2020. This legislation will bolster research, development, demonstration and commercial application programs for water power technologies, including hydropower, pumped storage, and marine energy technologies. To put the U.S. on the fastest, fairest path to net zero emissions by 2050, the nation will need to maximize the use of its carbon free resources, including those that have yet to be developed. Advances in water power technology and generation practices can play a key role in achieving this climate goal.

We commend this legislation for its recognition of unique attributes of water power technologies, which help ensure grid reliability and resilience as we decarbonize the power sector. Moreover, these efforts will drastically increase opportunities to generate clean energy in some of the most populated regions of our nation, along the coastline. We are also encouraged by provisions within the bill designed to minimize environmental impacts of water power generation, helping the country combat climate change in an efficient and equitable fashion.

Thank you for your commitment to innovative climate solutions.

Sincerely,

Josh Freed
Senior Vice President for Clean Energy

cc: The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
The Honorable David McKinley
The Honorable Ted Deutch