



March 11, 2020

The Honorable Conor Lamb
United States House of Representatives
1224 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dan Newhouse
United States House of Representatives
1414 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Lamb and Newhouse:

I write on behalf of Third Way to thank you for your leadership in introducing the Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act. Third Way advocates for the continued safe operation of our existing nuclear power plants and the timely deployment of advanced nuclear reactors. This bill authorizes research, development, and demonstration programs at the Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy that address critical needs across the entire fuel cycle and supply chain for nuclear, the largest source of carbon-free power in the United States.

By authorizing a program focused on extending the safe operation of existing nuclear power plants and establishing an advanced reactor demonstration program, this bill will preserve our clean energy foundation and help American innovators and American companies take the lead as the next generation of nuclear reactors enters the market.

The Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act is a great example of the consistent bipartisan support we have seen in Congress for commercializing the next generation of carbon-free nuclear energy. The world needs advanced nuclear to help put us on the fastest, fairest path to net-zero emissions, and the country that leads in this field will define the safety, security, and nonproliferation values that are exported along with this technology.

Thank you for your commitment to innovative climate solutions and U.S. competitiveness.

Sincerely,

Josh Freed
Vice President for the Climate and Energy Program