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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Chairwoman
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and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas
Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space
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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce applauds your continued bipartisan leadership on energy issues and supports four bills scheduled to be considered in tomorrow's markup. These bills would advance the science and innovation that enhances energy security and America's global competitiveness, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Specifically, the Chamber strongly supports the following bills:

- **H.R. 6097, the Nuclear Energy Research and Development Act**, which would expand nuclear research, development, demonstration, and commercialization efforts at the Department of Energy.
- **H.R. 6084, the Water Power Research and Development Act**, which would reauthorize Department of Energy programs geared toward advancing hydropower, pumped storage, and marine energy technologies.
- **H.R. 4481, the Securing Energy Critical Elements and American Jobs Act of 2019**, which would reinvigorate research and development on energy critical elements in order to use these elements more wisely and seek new methods to substitute and recycle these materials.
- **H.R. 4733, the Low Dose Radiation Research Act of 2019**, which would establish a basic research program at the Department of Energy aimed at enhancing the scientific understanding, risk assessment, and risk management of low-dose radiation.

Collectively, these bills directly support the Chamber's ongoing priority to identify and advance policies that continue to make American energy cleaner and stronger. We commend the Committee for its important work, and urge it to favorably report the above bills to the full House.

This issue remains a top priority for the Chamber, and we look forward to working with you, your colleagues in the House and Senate, and bipartisan congressional leadership to ensure that comprehensive energy innovation and climate technology legislation is passed by both chambers of Congress and signed into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neil L. Bradley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Neil L. Bradley

cc: Members of the Committee on Science, Space and Technology