

STATEMENT

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Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

Markup of: *H.R. 4376, the “Department of Energy Research Infrastructure Act of 2017”*

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This legislation includes authorizations of important upgrades to Department of Energy user facilities that are vital to the U.S. scientific enterprise. Our laboratories are the crown jewels of American innovation and the user-driven science facilities at those laboratories and at our universities are the foundation on which our leadership in science is built.

I am very pleased to see this bipartisan effort to expand our research capabilities at DOE. I am sure this is an area in which we can continue to work together.

I strongly support the passage of H.R. 4376, the “Department of Energy Research Infrastructure Act of 2017” and I hope my colleagues will join me in ensuring its swift consideration on the House floor.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.