

October 10, 2019

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Senator Chris Coons
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Representative Joe Wilson
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Washington, DC 20515

Senator Lindsey Graham
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Dear Representatives Luján and Wilson, and Senators Coons and Graham:

The undersigned organizations want to express strong support for H.R. 3575 and its companion bill S. 2005 – the IMPACT for Energy Act.

We welcome your bipartisan and bicameral effort to establish the IMPACT for Energy Foundation, a nonprofit foundation that will channel private-sector investments to help support the creation, development and commercialization of next generation energy technologies at the Department of Energy (DOE). This type of foundation would help capitalize on the federal government's investments in clean energy research and development by attracting private sector investment and partnership, as well as philanthropic donations.

Modeled after the successful Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH), the IMPACT for Energy Foundation would complement DOE investments in cutting-edge research and help bridge the gap between innovative but unproven prototypes and successful commercialization and penetration of new technology into the market. A DOE Foundation would also help unlock and guide the untapped intellectual property held at DOE-funded national laboratories and research universities. Since it began its work in 1996, FNIH has raised more than \$1 billion dollars for the agency. Additionally, the Veterans Administration, Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Departments of Defense and Agriculture also receive support from foundations that were established by Congress. We agree that it is time for DOE to have a foundation of its own.

Given today's complex energy challenges and growing international competition, viable solutions often require multiple partners in both the public and private sectors. We appreciate this bill's aim to enhance collaboration and partnerships between researchers from the federal government, universities, industry and nonprofit organizations.

No longer the undisputed world leader in innovation, your IMPACT for Energy Act comes at a time when the U.S. must renew its commitment to global leadership in science and technology. By providing a new potential funding stream for research and improving relationships between the public and private sectors, your legislation will help accelerate innovation, strengthen the U.S. economy and bolster our global competitiveness.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to improving America's scientific enterprise.

Sincerely,

Algae Biomass Organization
American Association of Physicists in
Medicine
American Association of Physics Teachers
American Astronomical Society
American Chemical Society
American Chrystallographic Association
American Institute of Physics
American Physical Society
American Society for Engineering
Education
Association of American Universities
Association of Public and Land-grant
Universities
Carbicrete Inc.

Carbon Upcycling
The Council of Scientific Society
Presidents
GE Research
GridWise
Information Technology and Innovation
Foundation
Jefferson Science Associates, LLC
OSA—The Optical Society
Purdue University
Stony Brook University
Southeastern Universities Research
Association
Third Way
United States Nuclear Industry Council