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House Republicans Are Leading on Climate Change Solutions

House Republicans introduce Energy Innovation Agenda: Conservative Solutions for a Better Climate

Washington, DC – Monday, April 19, 2021 – ClearPath Action welcomed the announcement by House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) that House Republicans will be hosting the <u>Energy Innovation Agenda</u> this week, a three-day virtual forum highlighting dozens of bills and solutions on energy innovation and climate to reduce global emissions.

"Republicans have spent the last two Congresses busily enacting a massive innovation-focused approach to climate change, and the Energy Innovation Agenda builds on that success by providing options for both American and global energy systems to go clean *affordably*, while simultaneously reducing global emissions," **said Rich Powell, Executive Director of ClearPath Action**. "We need more clean energy technologies that can be ramped up affordably and then exported to the developing world. These technologies should not only be *made* here in America – they should also be affordable and available to *all* Americans."

In December, Congress reached an agreement on the most significant energy legislation we've seen in over a decade – the monumental Energy Act of 2020. The bipartisan law refocuses the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) research and development (R&D) programs on the most pressing challenges — scaling up flexible, 24/7 clean energy technologies.

"It's critical Congress build off of the Energy Act of 2020, to produce tangible clean energy and global competitiveness benefits for Americans, and Republicans are leading the way," **Powell added.** "While U.S. climate and clean energy policy solutions should be ambitious, they must also be technology-inclusive, politically realistic, and substantively pragmatic. Policies must also support U.S. jobs, and House Republicans' proposed solutions will make American energy cleaner, more affordable, and reduce emissions globally."

Below are some of the highlights from the package including clean energy innovation for nuclear energy, critical minerals, carbon capture, hydrogen, natural gas, hydropower, permitting, and other technologies.

Resources

- Additional information on the Energy Innovation Agenda: Conservative Solutions for a
 <u>Better Climate</u>
- Watch our video, "<u>ClearPath: How We Can Make the Energy Sector Cleaner & More</u> <u>Affordable</u>"

What's in the package?

Innovation

 <u>H.R. 2153, The Securing American Leadership in Science and Technology Act</u> (SALSTA)

Nuclear Energy

- H.R. 1746, Advanced Nuclear Deployment Act
- H.R. 1748, Strengthening American Nuclear Competitiveness Act
- H.R. 1351, Nuclear Prosperity and Security Act

Critical Minerals

- H.R. 2637, American Critical Mineral Exploration and Innovation Act
- H.R. 1599, Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act

Carbon Capture

- H.R. 1761, CCUS Innovation Act
- H.R. 2633, Expanded 45Q Legislation

Hydrogen

• H.R. 1788, Clean Energy Hydrogen Innovation Act

Natural Gas

- H.R. 751, Protecting American Energy Production Act
- H.R. 575, Promoting Cross-border Energy Infrastructure Act
- H.R. 684, Keystone XL Pipeline Construction and Jobs Preservation Act
- H.R. 1575, Unlocking Our Domestic LNG Potential Act
- H.R. 1616, Expanding Access to Clean Energy

Hydropower

• H.R. 1588, Hydropower Clean Energy Future Act

Permitting

- H.R. 245, New Source Review Permitting Improvement Act
- H.R. 2515, the BUILDER Act
- H.R. 1812, One Federal Decision Act

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ClearPath Action's vision is that America leads in affordably powering the world with reliable clean energy. ClearPath Action's mission is to develop and advance policies that accelerate breakthrough innovations that reduce emissions in the energy and industrial sectors. To advance that mission, ClearPath Action develops cutting-edge policy solutions on clean energy and industrial innovation. Learn more at clearpathaction.org. Follow us on Twitter: @ClearPathAction, @JayFaison1, @powellrich