



Bipartisan Lower Energy Costs Act is Good for Clean Energy

Washington, DC – Thursday, March 30, 2023 – ClearPath Action congratulated the House of Representatives for passing H.R.1, the bipartisan Lower Energy Costs Act, today that will deliver lower emissions, lower costs, and more energy independence.

“This bill will unleash innovation, increase American production of energy, reduce global emissions, and make energy more affordable for American families,” said Rich Powell, CEO of ClearPath Action.

Policies included in the energy package can be broken down into several broad categories:

- Increasing American Energy Production
- Increasing the Production and Processing of Critical Minerals
- Streamlining Energy Infrastructure and Exports
- Broad Permitting Reform
- Government Accountability

Here’s what people are saying about the bill:

- The [Wall Street Journal](#) wrote that “Majority Leader Steve Scalise’s Lower Energy Costs Act includes reforms to unburden energy producers and cut costs for consumers.”
- The [Washington Examiner](#) published an op-ed from the U.S. Reps. Curtis (R-UT) and Miller-Meeks, M.D. (R-IA) how the bill will provide affordable, reliable, and clean energy.
- The [Washington Times](#) has an article with polling data showing how most Americans give a thumbs up to the GOP energy package.
- [RealClear Energy](#) published a column from CRES President, Heather Reams, saying it’s a win for American clean energy and national security.
- [Just the News](#) took a deeper dive with Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA) in an hour-long special.

ClearPath Action [endorsed](#) H.R. 1 sending a letter of to House Leadership on March 23, 2023. A copy of the letter is below.

Dear Speaker McCarthy and Majority Leader Scalise,

ClearPath Action proudly supports H.R. 1, the *Lower Energy Costs Act*. This legislation would unleash American energy, lower costs, and get clean American energy produced sooner, while also meeting the safety and environmental concerns of our communities.

The *Lower Energy Costs Act* modernizes permitting regulations and brings them into the 21st century. The current process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) from 1972 can be costly, time consuming, and duplicative. Beyond NEPA, there are more than 60 possible

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federal permits that may be required for a single project, spread across more than 10 federal agencies. This structure serves no one well, dragging even the most straightforward projects' permitting process on for years. By having a faster, thorough, and more reliable permitting process, we are encouraging clean energy innovation, strengthening domestic supply chains, and unleashing the power of American energy to compete against China and Russia.

This bill strengthens the U.S.' ability to produce and export natural gas and LNG. American natural gas is among the cleanest in the world, and returning natural gas production back to the United States will lead to lower global emissions, and benefit the economy.

The *Lower Energy Costs Act* will bolster innovation, increase American production of energy, reduce global emissions, and make energy more affordable for American families.

We appreciate your leadership on bolstering American clean energy and modernizing outdated permitting standards. We look forward to continuing to work towards solutions that allow our economy to thrive, while producing clean, reliable, affordable, and exportable energy.

Sincerely,

Rich Powell
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