



March 22, 2018

Senator John Barrasso
U.S. Senate
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse
U.S. Senate
530 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Barrasso and Senator Whitehouse,

On behalf of ClearPath Action, a 501(c)4 organization working to accelerate conservative clean energy policy, I am writing to support the *Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies Act* (USE IT Act). The bipartisan bill contains common-sense policy solutions that support innovative carbon emission reducing technologies, such as enhanced public private partnerships, carbon infrastructure permitting improvements and innovative research and development (R&D).

Renewable and conventional energy facilities, in addition to electricity transmission, are currently eligible for a more coordinated and expedited permitting process. The USE IT Act takes the commonsense approach of clarifying the eligibility to carbon capture and carbon dioxide transportation projects. It also establishes task forces made up of federal agencies, industry, and nonprofit organizations to recommend ways to facilitate reviews on carbon capture, utilization, and storage projects.

Prolonged and unclear permitting periods discourage private sector investment due to the capital-intensive nature of carbon capture infrastructure. A recent capture project can be in the range of \$1 billion and a single carbon dioxide pipeline can easily cost \$1 million per mile.

The USE IT Act is a strong step in enabling market-driven carbon capture and realizing its benefits for American consumers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Powell".

Rich Powell
Executive Director, ClearPath Action