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The Honorable John Barrasso
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United States Senate
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The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member
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456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

On behalf of the men and women of the U.S. algae industry, I write to express our strong support for S. 2602, the *Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies (USE IT) Act*.

The Algae Biomass Organization (ABO) is the non-profit trade association for the algae industry. Its membership is comprised of individuals, businesses and other research institutions across the algae value chain, including leading developers of algae-based carbon capture and use (CCU) technologies.

The USE IT Act supports the research and regulatory actions necessary to speed the development and deployment of emerging CCU technologies. In combination with the reauthorization and enhancement of the section 45Q CCU tax credit enacted in the *Bipartisan Budget Act*, the USE IT Act will help drive investment in algae and other technologies that will transform carbon emissions from environmental challenge into economic opportunity.

This bill is a great example of how all sides can come together in support of smart policy that makes protecting our planet good for business.

We urge the Committee to move without delay to approve S. 2602 and to work for its enactment into law.

Sincerely,

Matt Carr
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