

September 20, 2018

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Speaker Ryan, Minority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of The Nature Conservancy, I write to express our support for S. 2602, the USE IT Act, and applaud the leadership of its sponsors, Senators Barrasso, Whitehouse, Heitkamp and Capito.

As a conservation organization whose mission is to protect the land and waters on which all life depends, we are committed to finding common sense solutions to some of nature's greatest challenges, including climate change. The Conservancy recognizes that carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration can play a role in meeting the long-term greenhouse gas reduction targets that science indicates will be necessary to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. We support efforts to ensure carbon capture is available as an effective tool for reducing greenhouse gas emissions while maintaining environmental safeguards.

TNC supports the passage of the USE IT Act and its efforts to advance carbon capture. By investing in R&D for carbon capture, and assessing its benefits and risks, the USE IT Act will play a critical role in helping these technologies come to market in an effective and responsible way.

We appreciate the bipartisan leadership on this issue in the Senate and hope the Senate will quickly pass this bill, which has already been approved by the Environment and Public Works Committee on a bipartisan basis. We also look forward to working with members of the House of Representatives to move the USE IT Act forward so that it can be signed into law this Congress.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,



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The Nature Conservancy

cc: Senator John Barrasso
Senator Sheldon Whitehouse
Senator Heidi Heitkamp
Senator Shelley Moore Capito