



May 15, 2018

Senator John Barrasso  
Chairman, Senate EPW Committee  
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Tom Carper  
Ranking Member, Senate EPW Committee  
513 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

I am writing on behalf of the [American Conservation Coalition](#), a 501(c)(4) organization working on finding pragmatic solutions to environmental issues, to show support for the *Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies (USE IT) Act*. As an organization that supports innovation and sensible policy solutions, we fully support the passage of this bill.

The USE IT Act supports innovation and development in the private sector. It is legislation that prioritizes research and development that will lead to cleaner air and offers a way to utilize excess CO<sub>2</sub>. Most importantly, these benefits are achieved without additional regulations that would hinder the economic performance of the energy sector. Carbon capture is a common sense solution that will deliver real results. It is estimated that this process could capture 14% of the carbon in the air by 2050<sup>1</sup>.

The act also streamlines the permitting process for such projects, replacing the outdated and burdensome system currently in place. Some barriers to entry for these projects include inefficient processes and the prolonged time frame required to obtain necessary permits.

We have fiscal questions on this bill—questions that a full CBO will allay. We hope that private partnerships and other measures will help to minimize this bill's impact on the current deficit.

The USE IT Act is a pragmatic, market based solution to carbon capture that encourages private sector investment in our energy future. The ACC recognizes the benefits that this bill offers to consumers, private investors, and our environment. Because of the USE IT Act's market-driven solutions, on behalf of the ACC, I ask that you take action and pass this bill.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas Lindquist".

Nicholas H. Lindquist  
National Policy Director  
American Conservation Coalition

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<sup>1</sup> Center for Energy and Climate Solutions, *Carbon Capture*, [www.c2es.org/content/carbon-capture/](http://www.c2es.org/content/carbon-capture/).