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Washington, DC 20515

September 10, 2020

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House Armed Services Committee
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jim Inhofe
Chairman
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The Honorable Mac Thornberry
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House Armed Services Committee
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The Honorable Jack Reed
Ranking Member
Senate Armed Services Committee
228 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairmen Smith and Inhofe and Ranking Members Thornberry and Reed:

As you finalize the Fiscal Year 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (“FY21 NDAA”), we urge you to include provisions in the final bill that would support the development and demonstration of vital carbon capture and removal technologies.

The House- and Senate-passed FY21 NDAA bills again recognize that the United States must guard itself from those national security risks otherwise related to changes to the global climate landscape. Investments in carbon capture, utilization, and storage (“CCUS”) and direct air capture (“DAC”) technologies would manage these risks, while fostering new industries and creating important domestic jobs as the United States emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

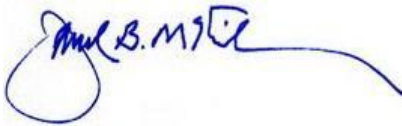
The USE IT Act, included in the Senate-passed version of the FY21 NDAA, would do just that, and represents an important step towards addressing those risks by incentivizing the development of CCUS and DAC technologies, and the increased beneficial use of captured carbon.

It is imperative that you maintain the USE IT Act language contained in the Senate-passed bill in order to address not only immediate national security risks, but also the broader issues of energy security, economic vitality, environmental sustainability, and America’s leadership at the forefront of CCUS technologies.

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We thank you for considering our request and look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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