



# CARBON CAPTURE COALITION

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The Honorable Adam Smith  
Chairman  
House Committee on Armed Services  
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The Honorable Mac Thornberry  
Ranking Member  
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The Honorable James Inhofe  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Armed Services  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed  
Ranking Member  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Smith, Ranking Member Thornberry, Chairman Inhofe, and Ranking Member Reed:

As representatives of the over 60 diverse companies, unions and environmental, energy and agricultural organizations participating in the Carbon Capture Coalition, we write in support of the Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies Act ([USE IT Act](#)) and request your help in securing the enactment of the USE IT Act as part of the final National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). We have included the USE IT Act as a key part of the Coalition's consensus federal policy [blueprint](#), and its adoption is one of our top legislative priorities.

The USE IT Act was reported out of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works unanimously, only to have the Congressional session end prior to adoption by both chambers. The USE IT Act was subsequently included in the NDAA that recently passed the Senate. Companion legislation in the House currently enjoys similarly broad bipartisan support with 36 cosponsors, including 24 Democrats and 12 Republicans. It is time to pass this important and widely-supported climate and energy legislation, and the NDAA provides an appropriate opportunity to do so.

Building on last year's landmark bipartisan reform of the federal 45Q tax credit to incentivize deployment of carbon capture, storage, removal and use, the USE IT Act will support research, development and demonstration of direct air capture technology and beneficial uses of carbon captured from industrial facilities and power plants that reduce emissions, as well as foster cooperative planning and permitting of pipeline infrastructure to transport carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from where it is captured to where it can be safely and permanently stored or put to beneficial use.

The United States has the opportunity to lead the way in the productive and beneficial utilization of captured CO<sub>2</sub> and carbon monoxide as building blocks for producing low-carbon fuels, advanced materials, chemicals and other products that are critical to our nation's defense industry and to our continued technological leadership. Funding in the USE IT Act will help lay the groundwork for development of new technologies, industries, jobs and markets for captured carbon that expand beyond current use and geologic storage of CO<sub>2</sub> through enhanced oil recovery.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to retain the USE IT Act in the final NDAA to be considered by Congress. We stand ready to work with you to pass this important legislation and to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,



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