

What They're Saying in Support of the *American Energy Innovation Act*



- ✓ **The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Global Energy Institute:** “The Senate has an opportunity to pass the most significant climate and energy legislation in well over a decade. Solutions to climate change will require new technology, and America has the opportunity to develop, demonstrate, and deploy the technologies that will stimulate progress around the globe. We thank Senators Murkowski and Manchin for their leadership, and we urge the Senate to seize this opportunity to fuel American innovation and promote climate action by passing this legislation without delay.”
- ✓ **Bipartisan Policy Center:** “The Bipartisan Policy Center commends Senate Energy Committee Chairman Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Ranking Member Joe Manchin (D-WV) for introducing the American Energy Innovation Act of 2020, a landmark piece of legislation representing a down-payment on the innovation necessary to decarbonize our energy sector and modernize our nation's energy policies.”
- ✓ **Business Council for Sustainable Energy:** “The BCSE commends Chair Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Ranking Member Joe Manchin (D-WV) for their leadership in advancing energy legislation that will help to keep the clean energy transformation going – fueled by a diverse portfolio of energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy.”
- ✓ **ClearPath Action:** “The American Energy Innovation Act will drive down the costs and improve the performance of next generation clean energy technologies. This provides more options for both American and global energy systems to go clean and address the climate challenge.”
- ✓ **The Nature Conservancy:** “The Nature Conservancy is grateful for the bipartisan leadership of Sens. Murkowski and Manchin and is pleased to support the American Energy Innovation Act...The bills in this package provide much-needed support for the development and commercial deployment of technologies that reduce emissions, such as carbon capture; that promote more efficient energy use in homes, businesses, and industrial facilities; and that help to build a modern electric grid with increased battery storage and more renewable power sources like wind and solar.”
- ✓ **Consumer Energy Alliance:** “Too many of our discussions about energy are mired in partisan bickering and extreme positions that close off productive discussion...We are grateful for the leadership of Senators Murkowski and Manchin. Their bill provides opportunities to make real progress on the energy issues and environmental protections that all Americans support.”
- ✓ **National Mining Association:** “The World Bank projects that demand for the key minerals needed for future technologies could jump 1,000 percent in the coming years. Without action, as demand increases permitting hurdles will continue to obstruct our domestic supply, causing alarming overreliance on foreign imports for the minerals we need and weakening the competitiveness of critical industries. This legislation will better-position the U.S. to achieve lasting minerals security while securing the essential supply chains of tomorrow from within our own borders.”

- ✓ **Information Technology and Innovation Foundation:** “The Murkowski-Manchin bill would accelerate progress on key climate technologies that are close to becoming cost-effective, such as energy storage and carbon capture for natural gas power plants. It would authorize federal action for the first time on climate-tech that the world will need but hasn’t seriously begun to develop, for instance, systems to eliminate industrial emissions and remove carbon from the air. And it would strengthen the digital and organizational infrastructure upon which successful global deployment of climate-tech ultimately depends.”
- ✓ **Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions:** “By introducing a bipartisan package of energy measures designed to advance clean energy development, storage and efficiency, Senator Murkowski and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee have demonstrated that there is common ground that can be achieved in making clean energy investment a priority in combatting environmental challenges.”
- ✓ **Environmental Defense Fund:** “Environmental Defense Fund supports S.2657, the American Energy Innovation Act, introduced by Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chairman Lisa Murkowski and Ranking Member Joe Manchin. Spurring innovation in a wide range of low- and zero-carbon technologies will be a critical component of fighting climate change efficiently while investing in America’s economy.”
- ✓ **Protect Our Power:** “Our nation’s critical infrastructure, including the electric grid, is under constant cyberattack. It is imperative that we meet this threat head-on, and with urgency, and the cyber provisions in this legislation help jumpstart that process. Protect Our Power applauds Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin for their leadership in responding to this imminent threat. The legislation’s provisions requiring mechanisms to encourage cybersecurity investments, a grant program to assist rural and municipal utilities, and better information sharing on cyber risks all speak to gaps that Protect Our Power has identified in a series of studies.”
- ✓ **National Rural Electric Cooperative Association:** “We believe this legislation can further boost innovation among electric cooperatives and throughout the energy sector, leading to a smarter, more efficient and resilient electric grid for our consumer-members.”
- ✓ **Alaska Power Association:** “Alaska Power Association (APA) and our member electric utilities throughout the State reiterate our support for the many energy law modernization elements that comprise your American Energy Innovation Act (AEIA). That you could assemble this broad, bipartisan legislation in the environment that currently exists in Washington is nothing short of amazing. AEIA will help Alaska’s far-flung electricity providers and their consumers.”
- ✓ **National Ocean Industries Association:** “American innovation is second to none, and the bipartisan AEIA is a strong investment in the American energy future. From carbon capture, utilization and storage to energy storage to wind energy research and development, AEIA offers real-world solutions that will enable the U.S. to increase energy security while pursuing environmental stewardship. By modernizing U.S. energy policies, we can empower technology and innovation to the benefit of everyone. NOIA thanks Senators Lisa Murkowski and Joe Manchin for their bipartisan leadership on energy issues. We look forward to working with all stakeholders to quickly move this legislation forward.”

- ✓ **Edison Electric Institute:** “EEl and our member companies appreciate the leadership of Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin in putting together a bipartisan energy bill that advances key energy priorities, including enhancing energy grid security, bolstering clean energy research and development, promoting energy efficiency, and developing the energy workforce of the future. We look forward to working with the Senate to advance this important legislation.”
- ✓ **American Public Power Association:** “APPA greatly appreciates the work the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee has put into this energy package and is pleased to support it. The legislation addresses many issues important to public power utilities, including energy storage, energy efficiency, and grid security, among others. We are particularly appreciative that the package incorporates language from S. 2095, the Enhancing Grid Security Through Public-Private Partnerships Act, which is modeled on an existing, successful public-private partnership funded through the Department of Energy’s Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER) under the Cybersecurity Energy Delivery Systems program (CEDs). Inclusion of this language in the energy package will enable APPA to continue its important work with public power utilities across the country, particularly smaller- and medium-sized utilities, by bringing them greater resources, training, and tools for cyber and physical security.”
- ✓ **The National Association of State Energy Officials:** “Offers our strong support for the American Energy Innovation Act (S. 2657). We greatly appreciate your leadership of this landmark, bipartisan legislative package. The breadth of practical energy measurers included in S. 2657 reflect the diversity of energy opportunities and challenges facing states across the nation, and demonstrates your commitment to extending energy, economic, and environmental benefits to all Americans.”
- ✓ **The Corps Network:** “We applaud Senators Murkowski and Manchin, and the other members of the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee, for their work on this bipartisan legislation to modernize America’s energy laws...We especially appreciate the bill’s emphasis on workforce development...The American Energy Innovation Act of 2020 represents an innovative focus on workforce development in emerging energy markets that will prepare American individuals, American communities, and America as a whole for a successful transition to a 21st century energy sector.”
- ✓ **The U.S. Nuclear Industry Council:** “AEIA sends a strong signal globally that the U.S. is committed to a multi-faceted array of efforts to improve our production and use of energy – and that one of those is making the U.S. the nuclear energy capital of the world as well as propelling its leading-edge advanced nuclear energy technology.”
- ✓ **Securing America’s Future Energy:** “The United States Senate has an opportunity to enable our country to combat the long-term threat China’s dominance poses to the competitiveness of American industry. In a worst-case scenario, China’s foray into the mineral supply chain and vehicle manufacturing could result in the loss of a significant portion of the U.S. automotive manufacturing industry. By including, and specifically addressing, the critical mineral supply in the American Energy Innovation Act, the Senate can begin to address this incredibly important issue.”

- ✓ **Grid Forward:** “This comprehensive, bi-partisan bill sets forth a strong path to support a diversity of needs for our energy system, at a time where innovation and investment in the system are especially important. For our nation to meet the needs of the 21st Century economy our electric grid requires significant modernization and a number of important technologies and models need to be examined to determine their role in our evolving system.”
- ✓ **The Carbon Capture Coalition:** “[The] bipartisan package that will help sustain and strengthen U.S. global leadership in carbon capture by providing the resources needed to bring the next generation of technologies to the marketplace.”
- ✓ **Resource Development Council:** “According to the World Bank, demand for the minerals needed for future energy technologies could increase 1,000 percent. We must prepare now to meet such demand and to ensure access to domestic supplies to avoid an acute reliance on foreign imports. America has the mineral resources within its borders to meet demand for future technologies, end our overreliance on imports of critical minerals, and achieve mineral security. Your legislation is a big step toward reaching these worthy goals.”
- ✓ **American Petroleum Institute:** “The focus on innovation and efficiency within this legislation across all energy sources is important to ensuring reliable and affordable energy for all Americans. In addition, this legislation supports the development of domestic energy for the modern economy while expanding the reach of US energy across global markets.”

Joint letters

- ✓ **The Edison Electric Institute; Bipartisan Policy Center; Center for Climate and Energy Solutions; Clean Air Task Force; ClearPath Action; Information Technology and Innovation Foundation; and Third Way** wrote: “Electric companies need affordably-priced, dispatchable, 24/7 carbon-free technologies—like those supported in AEIA—to meet their long-term carbon emissions reduction goals. Given the long lead times in developing and commercializing new technologies, and electric companies' long planning horizons, the bill's focus on these clean energy technologies is needed now.”
- ✓ **The Advanced Energy Economy; Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute; Alternative Fuels & Chemicals Coalition; American Chemistry Council; American Conservation Coalition; American Council for Capital Formation; American Council of Engineering Companies; American Gas Association; American Nuclear Society; American Public Power Association; BPC Action; Carbon Utilization Research Council; Center for Climate and Energy Solutions; Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions; Clean Air Task Force; ClearPath Action; Combined Heat and Power Alliance; Copper Development Association; Council on Competitiveness; Edison Electric Institute; Electric Power Supply Association; Energy Forward; Energy Storage Association; Environmental Defense Fund; Geothermal Resource Council; Great Plains Institute; Information Technology and Innovation Foundation; Lignite Energy Council; National Association of Energy Service Companies; National Association of Manufacturers; National Hydropower Association; National Ocean Industries Association; Nuclear Energy Institute; Portland Cement Association; The Aluminum Association; The Nature Conservancy; Third Way; U.S. Chamber of Commerce; U.S. Nuclear Industry Council** wrote: “There is a growing consensus that the development and commercialization of new technologies are important factors that will determine how quickly and at what cost greenhouse gas emissions can be reduced. The American Energy Innovation Act will help to do just that. It is the culmination of extensive efforts by a bipartisan group of senators, led by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, to develop practical legislative solutions that will accelerate these breakthroughs and enable adoption of lower-emitting and more efficient technologies. More will need to be done to meet the climate challenge, but thanks to their leadership and commitment, Congress now has its best opportunity in more than a decade to enact significant energy legislation.”

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