



May 18, 2018

The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
410 Dirksen Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso:

On behalf of the Energy Advance Center, a voluntary association of energy and energy-related companies whose purpose is to promote the energy industry's interests in issues related to carbon capture, utilization, and storage ("CCUS"), I write to thank you and Senators Whitehouse, Capito and Heitkamp for introducing S. 2602, the Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies Act, or USE IT Act.

In particular, we believe Title II of the bill will help facilitate deployment of CCUS. Under that title, Section 201 clarifies that CCUS projects and CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines are eligible for permitting review under the coordinated process the FAST Act set forth to expedite approvals. Section 202 of the bill tasks the Council on Environmental Quality ("CEQ") with preparing guidance for other federal agencies to aid their permitting processes for CCUS facilities and CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines under various key federal environmental laws. It also directs CEQ to identify opportunities to transform captured CO<sub>2</sub> into valuable products. It directs CEQ to establish at least two regional task forces to provide recommendations.

CCUS is a vital suite of technologies to improve the greenhouse gas emissions profile of fossil fuels and enhance the economic opportunities from use of CO<sub>2</sub> with benefits for the economy, energy security, and the environment. The Energy Advance Center appreciates your leadership on CCUS issues and supports S. 2602.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Eames". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Fred Eames

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