



May 21, 2020

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Senate Energy & Natural Resources  
Committee  
304 Dirksen  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin  
Senate Energy & Natural Resources  
Committee  
306 Hart  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the business association of the nation’s engineering industry – we wish to express our strong support for the American Energy Innovation Act (AEIA).

We believe that policies which promote and expand energy markets should be a critical component of a national infrastructure-based recovery agenda. The AEIA advances real solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change in a way that also bolsters American technological leadership in the energy sector. We greatly appreciate your continuing commitment to achieve strong bipartisan support in this critical area.

AEIA is of particular importance in three areas: nuclear, energy storage, and efficiency technologies. This legislation would recharge American leadership in nuclear energy by facilitating the development of next generation nuclear energy technologies. The AEIA supports advances in battery storage technologies, strengthening electric grid integration of renewables and adding adaptive resilience. The bill would improve the energy efficiency of buildings, industries and manufacturers, and improve energy security and environmental performance. Finally, AEIA would authorize DOE to support the development of technologies that improve the efficiency, effectiveness, costs, and environmental performance of coal and natural gas use.

Thank you for your consideration and support, and we look forward to working with you to achieve passage of these important initiatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Linda Bauer Darr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda Bauer Darr  
President & CEO