December 17, 2019

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports three bills scheduled for markup on December 18. These bipartisan bills would drive innovation that enhances energy security and America’s global competitiveness while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

- **H.R. 2986, the “Better Energy Storage Technology (BEST) Act,”** which would facilitate the research, development, and demonstration of next-generation grid-scale energy storage systems.

- **H.R. 5374, the “Advanced Geothermal Innovation Leadership Act of 2019,”** which would support innovation and the research and development of advanced geothermal energy resources.

- **H.R. 5428, the “Grid Modernization Research and Development Act of 2019,”** which would expand research, development, and demonstration activities aimed to enhance secure, reliable and resilient operations and management of the nation’s electric grid.

These bills collectively support the Chamber’s top priorities to spur innovation across the energy sector and to identify and advance policies that continue to make American energy cleaner and stronger. We commend the Committee for its important work and we look forward to working with you and your colleagues to ensure that comprehensive energy innovation and climate technology legislation is passed by both chambers of Congress and signed into law.

Sincerely,

Neil L. Bradley

cc: Members of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology