



November 19, 2018

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker of the House  
1233 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
House Minority Leader  
223 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Majority Leader  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Governors' Support for the USE IT Act

Dear Speaker Ryan, Democratic Leader Pelosi, Majority Leader McConnell, and Democratic Leader Schumer:

As governors committed to technology innovation and investment that increase American energy independence, create good-paying, highly-skilled jobs, and reduce environmental emissions, we write to express our support for the *Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies (USE IT) Act, S. 2602*. Introduced by Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Barrasso and cosponsored by Senators Whitehouse, Capito and Heitkamp, this legislation passed the Senate EPW Committee unanimously in May. We urge you to enact this important bipartisan bill this year.

The USE IT Act complements the recent landmark reform of the federal 45Q tax credit for CO<sub>2</sub> storage and beneficial use of carbon capture by providing federal research and development (R&D) support for next generation carbon utilization and direct air capture technologies. The R&D investments proposed by the USE IT Act will be essential for the advancement of commercialization efforts. The legislation supports urgently needed collaboration between federal, state, tribal, and non-governmental interests to facilitate planning, siting and permitting of pipelines to transport CO<sub>2</sub> captured from industrial facilities and power plants for enhanced oil recovery, other geologic storage, and/or productive uses that reduce carbon emissions.

The Use IT Act advances two core recommendations made by the State Carbon Capture Work Group in its recent [pipeline infrastructure white paper](#). The Work Group recommended that carbon capture and CO<sub>2</sub> pipelines become part of the evolving broader federal infrastructure policy under consideration in Congress; and that the federal government better facilitate planning, siting and development of pipeline corridors and projects. The states that we represent are among the 15 participating in the Work Group: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

Thank you for your leadership in supporting the reform of the 45Q tax credit. We look forward to working with you on this important issue. Passage of the USE IT Act furthers the advancement of new, critical technologies that will help develop industries, jobs and markets by transforming carbon emissions into an economic resource.

Sincerely,



Governor Matt Mead  
State of Wyoming

Governor Steve Bullock  
State of Montana

Governor Mary Fallin  
State of Oklahoma

Governor Gary Herbert  
State of Utah

Governor Jeff Colyer  
State of Kansas