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The Honorable Senator Sheldon Whitehouse
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The Honorable Senator Shelley Moore Capito
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The Honorable Senator Heidi Heitkamp
516 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senators Barrasso, Whitehouse, Capito, and Heitkamp:

The Carbon Utilization Research Council (CURC) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) are pleased to support the “Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies” Act (USE IT Act). The USE IT Act demonstrates a growing bipartisan leadership effort for advancing carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration (CCUS) technologies that will improve our nation’s economic and energy security objectives, while also mitigating emissions of CO₂ from the use of fossil fuels. This legislation demonstrates a federal commitment to continue to work with industry to find collaborative pathways for funding and deploying CCUS.

As organizations that are committed to developing technology solutions for the responsible use of our coal and fossil fuel resources, we are pleased to see Congress share a view that technologies like those that are supported by the USE IT Act will enhance the value of our country’s vast domestic resources while also supporting our national – and global – need for reliable, secure, clean and affordable energy.

Currently, the Clean Air Act does not direct the Environmental Protection Agency to use its existing authority to support carbon utilization or innovative carbon capture research. More development is needed for these important technologies to match those advancements seen in solar and wind generation technologies. Implementation of the USE IT Act will ultimately lead to solutions that will help bring down the costs of commercial-scale CCUS projects integrated with power generation. These efforts will complement and enhance work already being done through public-private partnerships such as the Wyoming Integrated Test Center and the National Carbon Capture Center.

Building on the FUTURE Act, legislation championed by this same group of Senators, the USE IT Act will go a step further by improving the permitting of carbon capture, utilization, and sequestration projects and CO₂ pipelines, which will provide necessary certainty to power generators and other industrial sources and will incentivize the build-out of CCUS projects.

We thank you for your leadership and look forward to supporting your efforts to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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