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Dear Senator McConnell and Senator Schumer:

As the Senate sets its schedule for the remainder of the year, the National Ocean Industries Association (NOIA) strongly encourages you to bring bipartisan energy, efficiency and sustainability legislation the Senate floor for consideration and debate.

Recently, the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee led a bipartisan group of Senators in pushing forward-thinking legislation that tackles climate change, technological innovation, continued economic growth and American leadership.

These bills include, but are not limited to, several innovative pieces of legislation:

- S. 383, Utilizing Significant Emissions with Innovative Technologies (USE IT) Act
- S. 903, Nuclear Energy Leadership Act (NELA)
- S. 1201, Enhancing Fossil Fuel Energy Carbon Technology (EFFECT) Act of 2019
- S. 1602, Better Energy Storage Technology (BEST) Act
- S. 1685, Launching Energy Advancement and Development through Innovations for Natural Gas (LEADING) Act of 2019
- S. 2137, Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act
- S. 2300, Clean Industrial Technology Act

While not every provision of every bill is perfect, these bills provide a host of real-world solutions to energy challenges, while simultaneously promoting American energy excellence and economic growth. Among many things, these bills would push the frontiers of CO₂ utilization and carbon capture, increase the efficiency and performance of natural gas use, improve battery storage technology, improve the efficiency of buildings and manufacturers and develop even more emissions-reduction technologies.

As a whole, these bills represent a sea change in attitudes towards energy production and sustainability. Bipartisan solutions – not breathless politicking – are the path to a cleaner and more prosperous tomorrow. America leads the world in ingenuity and innovation. There is no reason why we cannot lead the way in climate solutions, while remaining the global leader in energy production. America can have the best of both worlds.

NOIA members are no strangers to innovative revolutions. From enabling the U.S. surge to become the top oil and natural gas producer in the world to helping the U.S. to lead the world in the reduction of GHG emissions to building a new American offshore wind industry, NOIA members have continuously led our nation forward. The lesson from these achievements is that technology, not energy prohibition, will lead to actionable and sustainable climate solutions.

The U.S. and the world will rely upon an “all-of-the-above” energy mix for decades to come. Offshore energy has been the backbone of U.S. production for decades, and NOIA member companies work together on daily basis to provide the fuel that is essential for a high quality of life. Through a balanced approach, we can produce the energy essential for lifting society and do so in an environmentally sustainable way.

The path to climate solutions will be dependent upon a diverse range of solutions. It will not occur overnight, but the offshore energy industry will play a lead role in advancing the technologies to meet our energy challenges. These bills are a tremendous start and deserve consideration and debate.

NOIA looks forward to working with you in seeing the Senate consider this important energy innovation legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erik Milito', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Erik Milito,
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