

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 12, 2014

The Honorable Cynthia Lummis  
Chair, Subcommittee on Energy  
2321 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Lummis:

We are writing to request that you call one or more legislative hearings to discuss the *Department of Energy Research and Development Act of 2014*. The Science Committee has a long history of working together to produce bipartisan legislation, and we hope you will now take the opportunity to work with us to produce a truly bipartisan bill.

The future of this nation's energy security is not a Republican or a Democratic issue. The reauthorization of all of the Department of Energy research and development programs deserves careful consideration and time for stakeholders and other experts to weigh in and comment on the draft legislation. The challenges facing this country are serious and the American people would be best served by careful deliberation and an honest attempt at crafting a bipartisan agreement. We urge you to call one or more legislative hearings on the bill and hope that we can work together to identify the set of witnesses that are invited so that Members of the Committee can have an informed discussion of these very important programs.

Finally, we respectfully disagree with the characterization of subcommittee markups as simply a "courtesy" extended to the Minority. Members of the Energy subcommittee on both sides of the aisle play an important oversight role through our focused attention to the issues within our jurisdiction, and subcommittee markups provide a critical opportunity for the knowledge gained by the Subcommittee to inform pending legislation. While we will not agree on every issue, we do firmly believe it is possible to craft a bipartisan bill that will show the American people that we take our energy future seriously enough to work together on these important issues.

Sincerely,



Eric Swalwell  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Energy



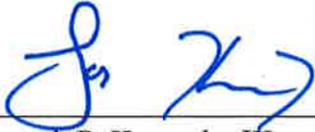
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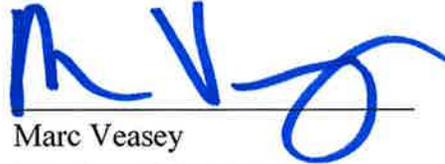
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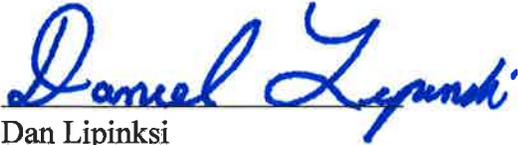
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cc Chairman Lamar Smith