



July 29, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Sent Electronically

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Hoyer,

As you both have said on countless occasions, Congress's role of governing cannot be put on hold as we respond to the COVID-19 crisis. Issues that may seem to be unrelated at a surface level – such as infrastructure, appropriations, climate, and a public health emergency – are inextricably linked, and it is only by continuing to address each of these priorities that Congress can deliver for the people, and provide for a robust public health and economic recovery. This is, in part, why the New Democrat Coalition (NDC) eagerly welcomed and applauded the release of the Select Committee on Climate Crisis's (SCCC) staff report, *Solving the Climate Crisis: Congressional Action Plan for a Clean Energy Economy*.

The SCCC's report provides an ambitious, science-based roadmap for Congressional action to solve the climate crisis and is aligned with many of the NDC's proposals and priorities. Earlier this Congress, the New Democrat Coalition, through our Climate Change Task Force, developed and released a framework of policy principles for combatting climate change and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 at the latest, and endorsed several bills that would advance this agenda. The NDC is committed to addressing climate change with the urgency the crisis demands by embracing the U.S.'s role as a global leader and leveraging every decarbonization solution available to advance a swift and just transition to a more sustainable planet and economy. We believe that this requires any Congressional action to confront the climate crisis must be based on three key principles:

1. Combatting climate change requires global action and American leadership.
2. Transitioning to a climate-forward economy represents an opportunity to mobilize our economy and create high quality jobs.
3. Enacting a climate-forward agenda requires investing in communities, resilience, and relief.

The SCCC's report is built on the same principles as the NDC plan, and highlights NDC-endorsed climate change bills as part of the potential path forward. The NDC's package of endorsed climate change bills presents forward-looking, politically durable solutions, many of which have bipartisan support. Climate change is a long-term problem that requires long-term solutions. It is critical that the legislation we pass today remain in effect for the long term if we

are to create an ecosystem powerful and certain enough to shift the attitudes and practices of our entire nation.

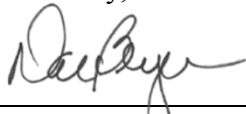
As you plan the floor calendar for the fall and Congress seeks to follow the roadmap provided by the SCCC's plan for Congressional action, we strongly urge you to prioritize bringing NDC-endorsed climate bills that have already been reported out by House Committees. The bills that are ready for floor action are:

- H.R. 4230: Clean Industrial Technology Act - Rep. Sean Casten
- H.R. 4091: Advanced Research Projects Agency Reauthorization Act - Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson
- H.R. 3597: The Solar Energy Research & Development Act - Rep. Ben McAdams
- H.R. 2156: RECLAIM Act of 2019 - Rep. Matt Cartwright
- H.R. 2088: To Amend the Energy Independence Security Act of 2007 and to Reauthorize the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant Program - Reps. Greg Stanton & Marc Veasey
- H.R. 3623: The Climate Risk Disclosure Act - Rep. Sean Casten
- H.R. 2986: The Better Energy Storage Technology (BEST) Act - Reps. Bill Foster & Sean Casten

In addition, there are several other bills, including those with bipartisan support, that have yet to move through their respective committees. We will work directly with those Committees to advocate for their advancement, and look forward to your support in bringing those forward for Floor consideration when they are ready.

In recent years, the Trump administration has abandoned our global leadership role in confronting climate change. We cannot afford to apply short-sighted approaches to a long-term global crisis. The SCCC's report is a critical step forward for our nation and the global community. The New Democrat Coalition looks forward to building on this work to make immediate progress toward our decarbonization goals, face the reality and magnitude of this crisis, and accomplish real, tangible, legislative progress that prioritizes the health of our communities and planet and unleashes the economic opportunities of a climate-forward economy.

Sincerely,



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Co-Chair  
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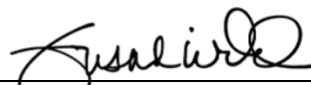
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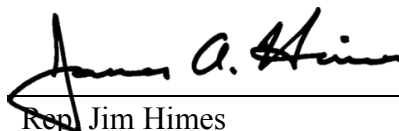
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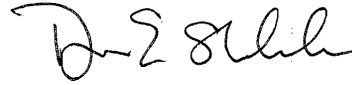
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Enclosed:

1. [NDC Principles for U.S. Climate Policy](#)
2. [NDC Principles for U.S. Climate Policy, One Pager](#)
3. [NDC Climate Bill Endorsements in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress](#)