

# Congress of the United States

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The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water  
Development, and Related Agencies  
2362-B Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Marcy Kaptur  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water  
Development, and Related Agencies  
1036 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Fleischmann and Ranking Member Kaptur:

As you begin your work on the Fiscal Year 2026 Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies bill, we urge the Subcommittee to include robust funding for research, development, and demonstration of carbon dioxide removal (CDR) technologies in FY 2026, to be coordinated among the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, the Office of Science, and the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, as well as other relevant program offices or agencies as determined by the Secretary.

Specifically, as the Subcommittee considers funding priorities for FY 2026, we support developing a diversified suite of technologies and methods to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and durably store it, including through pathways such as enhanced mineralization, direct air capture, biomass carbon removal and storage, marine carbon removal, and carbon sequestering construction materials. Under this goal, Congress should continue to fund the CDR purchasing efforts initiated by the CDR Purchase Pilot Prize that accelerate private sector innovation across CDR pathways, driving commercial deployment without picking winners and losers. We also recognize the urgent need to continue developing measurement, monitoring, reporting, and verification (MMRV) tools and accounting frameworks to ensure transparency, accountability, and credibility in carbon removal projects. Robust accounting and monitoring systems enable the establishment of standardized protocols and methodologies, facilitating comparability and scalability across different CDR projects, thereby fostering a conducive environment for wide-scale innovation and deployment of carbon removal technologies.

Through continued federal support, Congress and the Administration have a meaningful opportunity to bolster this emerging industry, driving economic growth and creating jobs across the country while solidifying America's global leadership in this field. We appreciate your attention to this issue and look forward to working with the Subcommittee to ensure that carbon dioxide removal remains a priority for FY 2026.

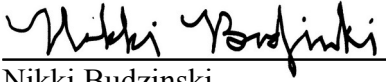
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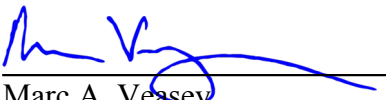
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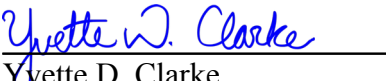
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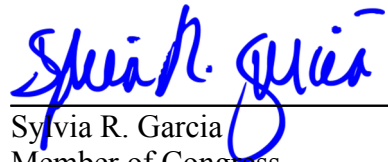
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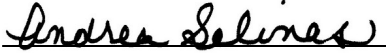
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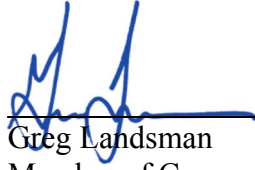
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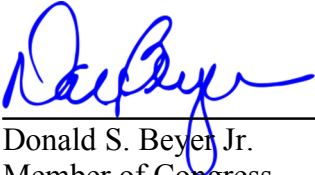
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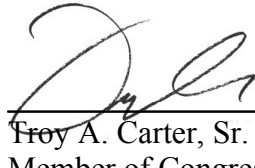
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