

# Support for the PROVE IT Act of 2023

Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) | Senator Kevin Cramer (R-ND)

“The PROVE IT Act is an important step for the United States to better understand the carbon efficiency of dozens of industries across the world’s major economies. This bill will cement our understanding of the United States as a world leader in low-carbon manufacturing and support a wide range of policy approaches designed to lower global emissions and reward innovative American manufacturers and workers. The Council welcomes the PROVE IT Act, and we thank Senators Coons and Cramer for their bipartisan leadership.” — **Greg Bertelsen, CEO, Climate Leadership Council**

“BPC Action applauds Sens. Chris Coons (D-DE) and Kevin Cramer (R-ND) on the introduction of the Providing Reliable, Objective, Verifiable Emissions Intensity and Transparency (PROVE IT) Act. This bill is an important first step to putting a U.S. seal of approval on data to show that the U.S. economy is more carbon efficient than the world average. Having reliable public and transparent data will allow America to better position itself in trade negotiations and promote coordination with allies. This bill will provide credible and verifiable data to help the United States restore manufacturing jobs, supercharge our trading relationships with allies, and hold China accountable for their emissions.” — **Michele Stockwell, President, Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) Action**

“The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) supports the bipartisan PROVE IT Act and thanks Senators Coons and Cramer for their leadership in introducing the legislation. The bill would direct the Department of Energy to compare the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions intensity of key products, like steel, produced in the United States against those same products made internationally. Other similar analyses in recent years have concluded that steel made in the United States is among the cleanest in the world. We look forward to a government-led study that will establish a federal database that can inform future legislation to reduce global GHG emissions, secure the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers and increase the accountability of the most GHG-intensive global producers.” — **Kevin Dempsey, President & CEO, American Iron and Steel Institute**

“The adage that ‘you can’t manage what you can’t measure’ holds equally true for climate policy and the carbon intensity of products. Fortunately, there is no shortage of standards and methodologies to calculate the carbon footprint of products, but with a diversity of approaches also come questions about their

accuracy, reliability, and comparability. By leveraging the resources and authority of the U.S. government, the reports and database mandated under the PROVE IT Act will offer a one-stop-shop for trustworthy emissions information, advancing our understanding of the climate impact of both domestic goods and – for the first time – foreign goods.” — **Dr. Michael Mehling, Deputy Director, MIT Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research**

“The U.S. Chamber is proud to support the bipartisan efforts of Senators Coons and Cramer to better understand the carbon intensity of a wide range of U.S. manufactured products when compared to other countries. If enacted, this legislation could establish an important foundation for informed discussions around potential emissions-based border adjustment policies—a necessary step as governments around the world show increased interest in the climate implications of international trade.” — **Marty Durbin, Senior Vice President, Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

“Thanks to innovation and a free-market system that rewards efficiency, goods manufactured in the U.S. are 40 percent more carbon-efficient than the world average. The contrast is even more stark when compared to Chinese products, where the average production emissions are more than 300 percent greater than in the United States. Leveraging American innovation, public sector investments, and a reformed regulatory process will unleash American energy more effectively to the benefit Americans and the world. Thank you to Senators Cramer and Coons for introducing this important legislation, so we can truly harness the United States’ carbon advantage and continue to hold countries like China accountable.” — **Heather Reams, President, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES)**

“Gaining accurate carbon intensity data is crucial to designing an effective climate and trade policy that will strongly incentivize emissions reductions from foreign imports, including those of China. In particular, we believe the PROVE IT Act has been carefully designed to minimize any costs to U.S. businesses and consumers while collecting crucial information from allies and high-emitting foreign economies to inform policy for reducing global emissions and protecting U.S. jobs. PPI wholly endorses the PROVE IT Act, and congratulates Senators Coons and Cramer on their important bipartisan legislation.” — **Paul Bledsoe, Strategic Advisor on Energy, Climate, & Economics, Progressive Policy Institute**

“IPAA endorses the Providing Reliable, Objective, Verifiable Emissions Intensity and Transparency (PROVE IT) Act of 2023 and appreciates Senators Kevin Cramer and Chris Coons’ leadership on these issues to provide more clarity as America’s energy economy moves forward in the 21st century.” — **C. Jeffrey Eshelman, President & CEO, Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA)**

“We can’t cut what we can’t count, and we need reliable data on the carbon intensity of widely-used industrial products like steel and cement in order to implement effective policies to reduce emissions in those sectors. The PROVE IT Act can help build on existing efforts at EPA to advance the urgent task of compiling this data, in the United States and abroad.” — **Ryan Fitzpatrick, Senior Director, Climate & Energy Program, Third Way**

“Since 1990, U.S. manufacturing energy intensity decreased by 60 percent, while gross value-added output increased by 337 percent. Producing more with less. A remarkable achievement. Driven by global competition and sustainability goals, no sector of the economy has so consistently focused on driving down energy consumption. We support the PROVE IT Act that will result in a study that will compare average product intensity of U.S. manufacturers to other countries. We extend our thanks to Senator Coons and Senator Cramer for their leadership.” — **Paul Cicio, President & CEO, Industrial Energy Consumers of America**

“America’s oil and natural gas is produced under some of the highest environmental standards in the world and the PROVE IT Act is an opportunity to show the world our industry’s commitment to addressing the dual climate challenge of continuing to supply the energy our world needs while advancing a lower carbon future. This bipartisan effort to quantify the emissions associated with American oil and natural gas will make it clear that we produce cleaner, safer, and affordable energy here at home. API and its members thank Senators Coons and Cramer for their hard work on introducing this important piece of legislation.” — **Amanda Eversole, Executive Vice President & Chief Advocacy Officer, American Petroleum Institute**

“The Steel Manufacturers Association supports the PROVE IT Act and we look forward to working with Senators Coons and Cramer to pass this important bipartisan bill during this Congress. This bill will collect the critical product level emission data necessary to prove to the world what we already know to be true – that the American steel industry produces the highest quality, lowest emission steel found anywhere in the world. The collection of this data will result in a powerful tool that will encourage our trading partners across the globe to transform their

steel industries away from traditional high emission steelmaking and towards modern, efficient low emissions steelmaking that has put the American steel industry on a path towards net zero emission steel production in the coming years. What we applaud most is the focus on actual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions attainment versus aspiration. Good data yields good policy, good policy garners bipartisan support and bipartisan support leads to better legislation.” — **Philip K. Bell, President Steel Manufacturers Association**

“Businesses are working to eliminate carbon from their supply chains, as growing market and consumer demand underscore the competitive implications of developing low-carbon products. But a critical step to enabling leading companies to capitalize on those opportunities is harnessing reliable, transparent data about the carbon intensity of those products. The bill offered by Senators Coons and Cramer takes a crucial step toward building a foundation of strong emissions measurement that will boost lower-carbon products, creating jobs at home and putting U.S. industries’ low-carbon advantage to work for our economy.” — **Brad Townsend, Vice President, Policy and Outreach, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES)**