

Supportive quotes for the IMPACT for Energy Act

“APLU applauds Senators Coons and Graham and Congressmen Luján and Wilson for introducing the IMPACT for Energy Act. This bill would help accelerate the transfer of ground breaking technologies from university labs to market, helping the U.S. maintain its leadership as the global innovation leader.”

Peter McPherson, President of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities

“Establishing this Foundation builds a much-needed pipeline for public-private partnerships to invest in energy research and technologies. AAU thanks Senators Coons and Graham, and Representatives Luján and Wilson, for developing this innovative and bipartisan solution to address the unique needs of the energy sector.”

Mary Sue Coleman, President, Association of American Universities

“I applaud Senators Coons and Graham and Congressmen Luján and Wilson for spearheading this effort that will enable more DOE-funded research to reach the marketplace and help the entrepreneurs in the energy sector at the Science Center (and elsewhere) bring their exciting technologies to market.”

Stephen S. Tang, Ph.D., MBA, President and CEO of the University City Science Center in Philadelphia

“Federal investment and support are vital for the energy innovation we need to tackle climate change and reassert US leadership in the global energy market. The IMPACT for Energy Act will enable private-public partnerships to more quickly deploy cutting edge clean energy technologies, it will build on existing best-practices already in place at the Department of Energy, and it will facilitate workforce development. We hope this bipartisan, bicameral bill will be quickly enacted.”

Josh Freed, Vice President for Clean Energy, Third Way

“The clean energy foundation proposed by Senators Coons and Graham and Representatives Luján and Wilson is an innovative and cost-effective way to drive important investments in energy research and development. Earlier this year, BPC’s American Energy Innovation Council recommended a similar approach to foster public and private collaboration to accelerate energy innovation. I am pleased to see members of Congress working together to advance this important and creative idea.”

Jason Grumet, President, Bipartisan Policy Center

“With this bill, Senators Coons and Graham and Representatives Luján and Wilson are taking a forward-looking approach to keeping the U.S. competitive in energy technologies. The Energy Department has a record of success in researching energy efficiency technologies that are adopted by the private sector, and this bill would expand the Department’s ability to deliver bigger benefits for companies and the public. The proposed IMPACT for Energy Foundation would spur the next wave of energy efficiency progress and that’s why we enthusiastically support this bill.”

Kateri Callahan, President of the Alliance to Save Energy

"This bipartisan legislation would create a foundation that would help accelerate the commercialization of innovative new technologies in the energy sector and would facilitate public-private partnerships to do so, said Steve Hauser, CEO, the GridWise Alliance. The GridWise Alliance has always advocated for such public-private partnerships to accelerate the changes taking place across the utility industry," said Steve Hauser, CEO. "The electricity grid is so critical to both local and national economic vitality that it deserves full attention from both the public and private sectors."

Steven Hauser, CEO, GridWise

"The IMPACT for Energy Act would accelerate energy innovation and increase the return that the nation receives from its investments in federal science and technology"

David M. Hart, Senior Fellow, Energy Innovation Policy, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

"The United States has benefited greatly from federally funded R&D, but we are in a new era where science alone cannot meet the great challenges of our time. The creation of a DOE Foundation will strengthen our R&D system by leveraging additional funding sources as well as new public private partnership models to accelerate the commercialization of new technology into the market."

Jetta Wong, Former Director of Technology Transitions, Department of Energy