



ClearPath Action Praises Gallagher, Curbelo for Energy Storage Amendment

Effort will Promote Foundation for Future Grid Improvements

WASHINGTON, July 28, 2017 – ClearPath Action praised efforts by Reps. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) and Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) to increase investments in energy storage research and development at the Department of Energy. The U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved their amendment to the *Make America Secure Appropriations Act, 2018 (H.R. 3219)*, legislation providing fiscal year 2018 funding to a number of federal agencies, including the Department of Energy.

The Gallagher-Curbelo amendment specifically would bolster important public-private energy storage research, development, and demonstration efforts at the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (EDER) by \$10 million in a fiscally responsible manner. Advancing cost-competitive storage solutions is essential to reducing vulnerabilities to our nation's electricity supply, an increasingly important national security priority.

"Mike Gallagher and Carlos Curbelo are leading the charge on one of the most promising tools needed to modernize the U.S. electric grid, energy storage technology," said ClearPath Action Executive Director Rich Powell. "Grid-scale solutions can improve resiliency while keeping consumer energy prices low. Storage can capture excess electricity, including from nuclear and renewable generation, when demand and prices are low, and then re-sell that electricity during peak demand times."

Specifically, the amendment reallocated resources into important research to reduce the cost and improve the performance of storage technologies. These facilities help balance supply and demand in the power grid, protecting American consumers and manufacturers from power interruptions. As electricity providers adopt more intermittent wind and solar resources -- both becoming larger parts of Wisconsin, Florida and the whole nation's energy mix -- storage is essential to maintain grid reliability. The expansion of storage can reduce the need for high-cost power during periods of peak demand--such as during the coldest mornings or hottest afternoons -- keeping consumer electricity prices low.

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