



## **REPS. KNIGHT, FOSTER INTRODUCE ENERGY STORAGE GOALS**

WASHINGTON, APRIL 25, 2018 -- Reps. Steve Knight (R-Calif.) and Bill Foster (D-Ill.) have led the introduction of a bipartisan bill that would establish a set of concrete innovation goals in the coming years for energy storage technologies.

Similar to a plan introduced by Sens. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) and Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), the Better Energy Storage Technology (BEST) Act gets to the heart of a major problem in energy storage and broader innovation research: the lack of achievable and aggressive goals.

“The BEST Act wisely embraces the ambitious yet achievable ‘moonshot’ approach to expanding U.S. energy and battery storage leadership, which diversifies and strengthens the grid by boosting everything from constant-running nuclear to intermittent renewable power,” ClearPath Action Executive Director Rich Powell said. “The world will be increasingly hungry for such technologies and it’s important that the U.S. stay in front of China and others in their deployment.”

The BEST Act (H.R. 5610) is modeled after similar “moonshot” initiatives, including John F. Kennedy’s original goal of landing a man on the moon that propelled the U.S. past Russia in the space race. The same type of moonshot goals can be applied to technologies such as energy and battery storage as the U.S. looks to keep up with and surpass China in the global clean energy race.

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