

# CLEARPATH ACTION

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March 23, 2023

Speaker Kevin McCarthy  
The House of Representatives  
H-232, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Majority Leader Steve Scalise  
The House of Representatives  
H-329, the Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker McCarthy and Majority Leader Scalise,

ClearPath Action proudly supports H.R. 1, the *Lower Energy Costs Act*. This legislation would unleash American energy, lower costs, and get clean American energy produced sooner, while also meeting the safety and environmental concerns of our communities.

The *Lower Energy Costs Act* modernizes permitting regulations and brings them into the 21st century. The current process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) from 1972 can be costly, time consuming, and duplicative. Beyond NEPA, there are more than 60 possible federal permits that may be required for a single project, spread across more than 10 federal agencies. This structure serves no one well, dragging even the most straightforward projects' permitting process on for years. By having a faster, thorough, and more reliable permitting process, we are encouraging clean energy innovation, strengthening domestic supply chains, and unleashing the power of American energy to compete against China and Russia.

This bill strengthens the U.S.' ability to produce and export natural gas and LNG. American natural gas is among the cleanest in the world, and returning natural gas production back to the United States will lead to lower global emissions, and benefit the economy.

The *Lower Energy Costs Act* will bolster innovation, increase American production of energy, reduce global emissions, and make energy more affordable for American families.

We appreciate your leadership on bolstering American clean energy and modernizing outdated permitting standards. We look forward to continuing to work towards solutions that allow our economy to thrive, while producing clean, reliable, affordable, and exportable energy.

Sincerely,



Rich Powell  
Chief Executive Officer, ClearPath Action

cc: Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Committee on Energy and Commerce  
Chairman Bruce Westerman, House Committee on Natural Resources  
Chairman Sam Graves, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure