



Oppose H.R. 4447 – the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act

Wasteful Spending of Taxpayer Dollars: H.R. 4447 has a total price tag of more than \$135 billion dollars. At a time when many Americans are struggling with the economic fallout from the pandemic, the Democrats want to spend American taxpayer dollars on their Green New Deal wish list.

No Basic Research Funding: By not including Office of Science legislation in H.R. 4447, Democrats demonstrate misplaced priorities and a fundamental misunderstanding of the challenges faced by the U.S. energy sector and research enterprise. DOE's Office of Science represents more than half of the Department's entire civilian federal R&D portfolio, and for good reason. While DOE's applied energy offices play an important role in improving the efficiency of various energy subsectors, discoveries made through the Office of Science are the driving force behind the discovery and development of next-generation energy technologies. The way we invest in the future is by supporting basic research. If we are serious about climate change, economic growth, and U.S. leadership in science and technology, then we should be equally serious about our support for this program.

Irresponsible Spending of Limited R&D Dollars: H.R. 4447 includes across the board increases in funding for DOE's applied energy programs – committing more than \$35 billion dollars in spending by 2025. Clean energy technologies have successfully matured into competitive renewable energy industries. Using limited federal research funds to further prop up today's clean energy industries may have short term and politically expedient payoffs but is not a winning strategy for America. It will not provide viable long-term solutions to global climate change nor significantly strengthen United States' leadership in clean energy technologies for the next generation.

Democrats intend for H.R. 4447 to serve as the House version of the Senate's American Energy Innovation Act. But, as written, many SST sections of this bill are much more expensive than their would-be Senate companions. For example, the solar energy R&D provisions in this bill cost nearly \$300 million dollars more than their corresponding Senate legislation. This kind of spending is not only fiscally irresponsible, it's an unrealistic and unproductive legislative position.

Misunderstanding of an All-of-the-Above Energy Strategy: Republicans support an all-of-the-above-energy-strategy carried out through strategic and targeted investment in clean energy technologies. This means supporting basic and early-stage research where American industry lacks the means or incentive to step in, addressing the complex needs of the highly diverse electric grid of the future, and focusing on the highest-risk, highest-reward projects, like those funded by DOE's ARPA-E program. An all-of-the-above energy strategy isn't providing substantial increases in funding for every applied energy office at DOE—a significant priority of H.R. 4447 isn't consistent with an all-of-the-above strategy.

Misrepresentation of Bipartisanship: Democrats claim that H.R. 4447 is a bipartisan bill. While it does include some bipartisan Science Committee provisions, it is not a bipartisan product. This bill includes a number of partisan Science Committee bills and was drafted without Republican input. Many provisions have had little to no legislative consideration. Vetting bills through the Committee system with regular order – a legislative hearing, a subcommittee markup, and a full committee markup – gives Members time to fully consider, amend, and improve policy together. Posting a one-sided bill and pushing it to the Floor a week later is no way to legislate. Public laws do not come out of this process – only partisan politics and messaging bills.

Republican Solutions:

It's not too late to get things done. The Science Committee should set aside this partisan messaging exercise and work together to move separately, on suspension, bipartisan committee products which all have close Senate companions and strong bipartisan Senate interest.

These include:

- **H.R. 4091, the ARPA-E Reauthorization Act**
- **H.R. 5374, the Advanced Geothermal Research and Development Act**
- **H.R. 2986, the BEST Act**