



July 17, 2018

The Honorable Greg Walden
Chairman
Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Energy and Commerce Committee
2322A Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Walden and Ranking Member Pallone,

On behalf of ClearPath Action, a 501(c)4 organization working to advance conservative policies that accelerate clean energy innovation, I am writing to support the *Advancing U.S. Civil Nuclear Competitiveness Jobs Act (H.R.6351)* introduced by Congressman Bill Johnson. This important legislation takes steps towards streamlining the export of U.S. nuclear energy technologies, improving the American civilian nuclear industry's competitiveness in global markets.

The United States is falling behind when it comes to nuclear energy. A technology that was invented by the predecessor to the U.S. Department of Energy is now primarily dominated by Russian and Chinese state-owned enterprises. Over 65% of reactors currently under construction worldwide are being built by Russian or Chinese firms.

H.R. 6351 begins to consider the adverse impact that some American export controls have on U.S. nuclear energy technology. The Part 810 export control regime that governs approval for exporting nuclear technologies stymies domestic nuclear innovation. The Part 810 process requires detailed agency review for each transaction a nuclear entrepreneur wishes to make. While the process used to take 130 days of review in the 1990's, the review has taken upwards of 400 days in recent years. H.R.6351 would establish an expedited pathway for nuclear energy technologies deemed "low-proliferation-risk" by the Secretary of Energy.

The *Advancing U.S. Civil Nuclear Competitiveness Jobs Act* is an important initial first step in supporting U.S. nuclear exports, and we look forward to working with the Committee on this proposal and other additional opportunities to reform the Part 810 process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Powell".

Rich Powell
Executive Director, ClearPath Action