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June 28, 2021

The Honorable Chris Coons  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bill Cassidy  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Coons and Cassidy:

We write to express our strong support for S. 799, the “Storing CO<sub>2</sub> and Lowering Emissions (SCALE) Act of 2021.” We believe that carbon management technologies will play a critical role in helping the electric power sector reach its long-term climate goals.

Our organizations have joined together to form and advance the Carbon-Free Technology Initiative (CFTI), which is focused on implementation of federal policies that can help ensure the commercial availability of affordable, carbon-free, 24/7 power technology options by the early 2030s. The CFTI includes the Edison Electric Institute and its member electric companies, Clean Air Task Force, Bipartisan Policy Center, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, ClearPath, Great Plains Institute, Information Technology & Innovation Foundation, Nuclear Energy Institute, and Third Way.

CFTI believes new federal policies are needed to support the development of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) transport and large-scale geologic storage infrastructure. S. 799 incorporates several recommendations that CFTI supports to advance carbon capture technologies, including policies to facilitate the commercialization of large-scale saline storage locations, establishing federal incentives to support investment in CO<sub>2</sub> transport infrastructure networks, and providing increased funding for EPA to support permitting activities.

Our organizations believe it is essential to take aggressive action to tackle climate change while also delivering the reliable and affordable energy that powers the American economy. Existing power technologies can get us much of the way to a 100 percent clean energy future. Completing the work will require new carbon-free, 24/7 technologies that are affordable for customers, including carbon capture. As a result, there is an urgent need to increase investment in these clean energy technologies.

Ultimately, technology will drive the timeline to a 100-percent clean energy future, and federal policies are a necessary catalyst to accelerate the pace of innovation and to ensure these technologies are demonstrated and commercialized in the time that electric companies need them.

We can meet the challenge of addressing climate change and develop the carbon-free technologies that will help the world meet this challenge. We urge Congress to include S. 799 in any energy policy legislation that moves, and we look forward to working with you to advance S. 799 through Congress.

Sincerely,

Bipartisan Policy Center

Center for Climate and Energy Solutions

Clean Air Task Force

ClearPath Action

Edison Electric Institute

Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Great Plains Institute

Nuclear Energy Institute

Third Way

cc: The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
The Honorable Joe Manchin III  
The Honorable John Barrasso