



National Association of State Energy Officials

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The Honorable Dave McCormick
Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC. 20510

The Honorable Peter Welch
Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC. 20510

Dear Senator McCormick and Senator Welch:

The National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) endorses your bipartisan legislation, the "Reconductoring Existing Wires for Infrastructure Reliability and Expansion Act" (REWIRE Act). NASEO represents the State Energy Offices in the 50 states, territories and District of Columbia. We are committed to a balanced national energy policy and a partnership between the states and the federal government on the development of electricity projects, including electricity transmission. Your legislation's focus on the use of advanced transmission conductors and grid enhancing technologies would result in the delivery of more electricity at lower costs with greater resilience. NASEO members have long supported the expansion of the use of these technologies in existing rights-of-way.

In addition, Section 5 of your legislation would amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, which is the underlying statute governing the U.S. State Energy Program (SEP). This provision would encourage all State Energy Offices to support, through planning and other actions, advanced reconductoring and grid-enhancing technologies. NASEO and the State Energy Offices have worked in this arena for several years, and as a result several State Energy Offices are now leading advanced reconductoring and other grid enhancing technology projects with their utilities.

Congress and various administrations, as well as the states, have long-recognized the flexibility afforded through SEP in promoting a wide variety of innovative energy programs, planning activities, and policies. SEP helps the State Energy Offices support initiatives proposed by their governors and legislators and engage in multi-state and regional grid modernization actions.

Section 6 of the bill would encourage the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to work with the National Laboratories, North American Electric Reliability Corporation and universities on modeling and grid performance. We encourage you to expand this provision to include the State Energy Offices, in concert with utilities and others. Accurate modeling and forecasting is becoming more important every day as a mechanism to better assess actual load growth, especially associated with data centers, and contain costs.

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We also appreciate the technical assistance provision in Section 7 of your bill, since it includes “states” as “eligible entities.” We are working closely with DOE’s Office of Electricity, and this provision further expands that valuable partnership. As the legislation moves forward, we hope there will be an opportunity to authorize funding for these important efforts.

NASEO and the State Energy Offices stand ready to assist you in supporting the bill.

Best regards,



David Terry, President, NASEO

- cc: The Honorable Mike Lee, Chairman, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
- The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking member, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
- The Honorable Brett Guthrie, Chairman, House Energy and Commerce Committee
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