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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
House of Representatives
H-232 of the Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
House of Representatives
H-204 of the Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the American Energy Innovation Council (AEIC), we write to urge the prompt consideration of *H.R. 1158 Department of Energy Laboratory Modernization and Technology Transfer Act*. Similar legislation (H.R. 5120) easily passed the House during the last Congress. The bill enjoys strong bipartisan support and was co-sponsored by both Chairman Lamar Smith (R-TX) and Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) of the Committee on Science, Space and Technology.

The AEIC is a group of America's top business executives who came together starting in 2010 to recommend ways to promote American innovation in clean energy technology. We are united in our belief that technology innovation—especially in energy—is at the heart of many of the central economic, national security, competitiveness, and environmental challenges facing our nation. We believe strong support for robust, public investments in energy innovation is critical to a vibrant American economy.

H.R. 1158 gives the National Labs needed flexibility to enter into more effective partnerships with businesses and universities, particularly with respect to early-stage technology demonstration. We anticipate that H.R. 1158 will unlock more private investment in clean energy technology R&D, and we endorse this bill.

Accelerating technology innovation is a smart investment for America's future. We look forward to working with you to once again secure House passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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