



May 15, 2015

Dear Representative,

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters, we urge you to oppose H.R. 1806, the America Competes Reauthorization Act of 2015.

In order to end America's dependence on dirty, polluting energy, we need to quickly expand all kinds of clean energy—from solar panels on homes to large-scale wind and solar projects. Several Department of Energy (DOE) programs including the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Biological and Environmental Research program, and Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) are helping ensure that we meet this goal. Instead of supporting these critical programs, this bill severely cuts these office budgets.

Furthermore, this bill includes numerous problematic and troubling policy proposals. One egregious example that warrants highlighting is that this legislation would prevent the results of any DOE-supported research and development activity from being “used for regulatory assessments or determinations by Federal regulatory authorities.” We need federal agencies to have access to the most up-to-date research results when they set rules to protect our air, land, water, and wildlife and prevent health hazards associated with fossil fuel use. This is but one example of several destructive policy proposals contained within this bill.

Again, we urge you to oppose H.R. 1806. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Environment America
Earth Day Network
Environmental Defense Fund
Natural Resources Defense Council
League of Conservation votes
Sierra Club