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H.R. 3408:
Support the Hastings #157 and Labrador #163
Renewable Energy Amendments

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Dear Colleague,

Today, the House will vote on two important renewable energy amendments to H.R. 3408. The Hastings and Labrador amendments would streamline government regulations that are slowing renewable energy development on public lands. Legislation identical to these two amendments passed out of the Natural Resources Committee with bipartisan support.

The Hastings amendment will facilitate the development of clean, renewable energy on federal lands by providing a clear, simple process for completing important environmental reviews. Specifically, the amendment would require an environmental review to be conducted only for the specific location where the renewable energy project would be located rather than requiring thousands of pages of environmental review for numerous different project locations. This could significantly reduce the number of years it takes to develop clean, renewable energy projects.

The Labrador amendment establishes a common sense, streamlined policy for the development of clean geothermal energy resources. It reduces redundancy and bureaucratic delays by requiring only a single environmental review to be completed for all geothermal exploration test holes within the same leased area.

Republicans support an "all-of-the-above" energy plan that includes development of renewable energy sources. These amendments will knock down government barriers to renewable energy production on federal lands, allowing for American job-creation, economic growth and increased energy security. The Amendments provide no subsidies, only streamlining of government regulations.

We strongly urge you to support these two bipartisan amendments. Please contact Mandy Tharpe (amanda.tharpe@mail.house.gov) with the Natural Resources Committee at 5-9297 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s
Doc Hastings
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