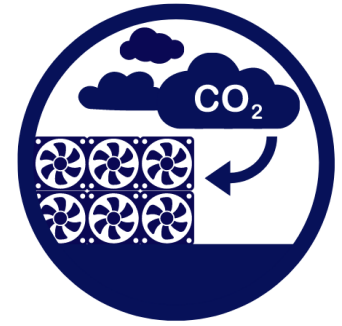


Carbon Dioxide Removal Leadership Act



118th Congress

House sponsors: Reps. Paul Tonko (NY-20) & Scott Peters (CA-50)

Senate sponsors: Sens. Chris Coons (DE) & Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)

Supporting Organization Statements:

“The federal government can play a singular role in building a responsible carbon removal industry, using its purchasing power to set high standards, support innovation across different pathways, and ultimately increase the amount of carbon permanently removed from the atmosphere. The Carbon Dioxide Removal Leadership Act leverages federal procurement to benefit developers, workers, and the communities in which projects are built while positioning the United States as a global leader in this new and critical sector.”

❖ **Sasha Stashwick, Director of Policy, Carbon180**

“Creating a robust market for carbon removal is the single most important thing we can do for this budding sector. The Carbon Dioxide Removal Leadership Act of 2024 crucially jumpstarts that market and positions the US federal government as a leader in carbon removal technology. Government procurement can help drive down costs, spur deployment, crowd in private sector capital, and most importantly, set much-needed high standards for carbon removal. The Carbon Removal Alliance, alongside its 25 highly-credible carbon removal member companies, are in full support of this legislation.”

❖ **Giana Amador, Executive Director, Carbon Removal Alliance**

“The carbon removal market takes an important step forward today with the reintroduction of the CDR Leadership Act (CDRLA). The bipartisan CDRLA builds on the growing demand for carbon removal and will further accelerate the market and boost investment in removals, which is a win-win for the economy and the climate. The Carbon Business Council is grateful to Representative Tonko, Representative Peters, Senator Coons and Senator Whitehouse for their leadership to responsibly scale carbon removal.”

❖ **Ben Rubin, Executive Director, Carbon Business Council**

“Climeworks commends Congressman Tonko, Senator Coons, Congressman Peters, and Senator Whitehouse for their continued leadership on policies to meet the climate challenge. We know that in addition to deep emissions reductions, carbon dioxide removal (CDR) must be rapidly scaled up to achieve global net zero. The CDR Leadership Act would provide a vital demand signal to unlock needed investment in high-quality CDR solutions like direct air capture (DAC) and support rigorous standards in the CDR market.”

❖ **Christoph Beuttler, Chief Climate Policy Officer, Climeworks**

“Responsible advancement and scaling of CDR to the level necessary to meet our climate goals will require significant participation of the public sector. OpenAir is thrilled to see the reintroduction of the Federal CDRLA, and we look forward to working with other stakeholders to pass this vital legislation in 2024. Many thanks to Representatives Tonko and, and Senators Whitehouse and Coons, for their continued climate leadership.”

❖ **Toby Bryce, OpenAir Collective**

“The Carbon Dioxide Removal Leadership Act of 2024 is an important step towards creating a cost-effective market for CDR technologies. The federal procurement detailed in the bill would play a key role in creating a much-needed market for carbon dioxide removal technologies. Innovation and cost reductions are two major barriers to deployment of these technologies, which are critical to the U.S. achieving its climate goals. Importantly, this bill requires progressive cost reductions in the cost per ton of carbon dioxide removed and would spur innovation through small removal projects. Clean Air Task Force thanks Senators Coons and Whitehouse, and Representatives Tonko and Peters for their climate leadership.”

❖ **Angela Seligman, Senior Carbon Capture Policy Manager at Clean Air Task Force**

“The entire world is looking for solutions that chart a course to net-zero and the Carbon Dioxide Removal Leadership Act helps ensure that the USA is leading the way. Heirloom transformed PhD research into the first and only commercial Direct Air Capture facility in North America in less than three years -- but market-enabling legislation like CDRLA is vital to empower companies and innovators to move beyond private-voluntary markets; and move even faster to realize America's commitments to a new era of jobs, investment, and community benefits in regions that are at the frontline of the transition to a clean energy economy. We applaud the updates to this legislation as reflecting market realities and cementing the USA as a global hub for high quality and durable carbon removal to meet our global goals.”

❖ **Vikrum Aiyer, Head of Global Public Policy at the direct air capture startup, Heirloom**

“The CDRLA paints a bold and much-needed vision: procuring durable carbon removal as a service to US citizens. In doing so, it will help scale the carbon removal industry in the US, generating tens of thousands of sustainable, quality jobs across the country.”

❖ **Sebastian Manhart, Founding Director of the U.S. Biochar Coalition**

“Study after study has concluded that the only way to meet our climate goals is to remove gigatons of carbon from the atmosphere. The federal government has taken important steps to expand this nascent industry, but far more is necessary if we're going to get to gigaton scale in time to prevent the worst impacts of climate change. Charm strongly supports the CDRLA and its investments in a wide range of innovative, permanent, measurable carbon removal technologies, and thanks Rep. Tonko, Sen. Coons, Rep. Peters, and Sen. Whitehouse for their leadership on this critical issue.”

❖ **Peter Reinhardt, CEO and Co-founder, Charm Industrial**

“As evangelicals, we are called to take good care of everything God has made – that includes ensuring the worst of climate change never becomes a reality. Carbon removal is essential to ensuring our children, the next generation, and vulnerable communities have a safe climate to thrive in. We applaud Senators Coons (DE) and Whitehouse (RI) and Representatives Tonko (NY-20) and Peters (CA-52) for introducing the bicameral Carbon Dioxide Removal Leadership Act. This bill will accelerate the market deployment of American innovation, create family-sustaining careers, and position America as a world leader in carbon removal technologies. It's time to get these technologies to market for the benefit of the American people and God's creation.”

❖ **Rev. Dr. Jessica Moerman, President/CEO Evangelical Environmental Network**

The legislation is also supported by LTC Action, Svante, Global Thermostat, Patch, Carbon Engineering and Captura