

Dear Colleague—

We invite you to join the Congressional Battery Energy Storage Caucus, a new, bipartisan caucus dedicated to advancing understanding of how energy storage systems are enabling American businesses and homeowners to better access reliable, affordable, and sustainable electric power.

We will launch the caucus on Tuesday, October 27 at 3 PM in 441 Cannon, featuring remarks from both of us and speakers from the Energy Storage Association and AES Energy Storage. We invite you and your staff to attend.

Energy storage is deployed widely on the every part of the electric grid, providing much needed capacity, flexibility and reliability. Over 200 megawatts of energy storage capacity are expected to be installed in 2015, equaling the total capacity installed between 2012 and 2014. With battery energy storage costs rapidly declining each year, the American electric grid is expected to add 1,000 megawatts of battery energy storage per year by the end of the decade.

The rapidly growing energy storage industry is spurring capital formation and producing jobs across the country. One of the largest storage manufacturers in the world is an American company, and other companies are constructing major manufacturing facilities in the United States. New energy storage companies are growing quickly and already employing thousands of Americans in this expanding industry. American companies and markets are leading the way towards a safer, more reliable electric grid and increasing our global competitiveness in this critical sector.

The Congressional Battery Energy Storage Caucus will educate Members and their staff on the latest developments in battery energy storage technology and markets. Together, we will examine the prospects for this technology and policies that affect the ability of markets and consumers to benefit from it. We will set up educational briefings on a periodic basis with energy system experts and industry leaders to discuss these issues and answer Members' and staff's questions.

If you are interested in joining the Congressional Battery Energy Storage Caucus, please contact Claire Viall (claire.viall@mail.house.gov) with Rep. Takano or Jeff Freeland (jeff.freeland@mail.house.gov) with Rep. Collins. We hope you will join with us to learn about and work toward unlocking the potential of this critical energy technology.

Sincerely,

Chris Collins
Member of Congress

Mark Takano
Member of Congress