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PROVE IT Act ([S.1863](#) / [H.R.8957](#))

The bipartisan Providing Reliable, Objective, Verifiable, Emissions Intensity and Transparency Act, or PROVE IT Act, introduced by Sens. Chris Coons (D-DE) and Kevin Cramer (R-ND) in the Senate (S.1863) and Reps. John Curtis (R-UT-03) and Scott Peters (D-CA-50) in the House (H.R.8957), would require the Department of Energy (DOE) to study the greenhouse gas emissions intensity of certain products — including aluminum, cement, crude oil, fertilizer, iron, steel, plastic, and others — that are produced in the United States and in certain covered countries. The PROVE IT Act is not a carbon tax or carbon border tariff and was approved by the Senate EPW Committee in a large bipartisan vote (14-5) in January.

Greenhouse gas emissions are a global issue, and trade and the power of the American market are some of the best tools we have to reduce global emissions. Since many U.S. industries are among the least carbon intensive in the world, producing products here is good for the U.S. economy and good for the climate. In addition, U.S. industries have had to unfairly compete with industries from higher-polluting foreign countries with lax labor and environmental standards. As Sens. Coons and Cramer have said, “The PROVE IT Act would put high-quality, verifiable data behind these practices and bolster transparency around global emissions intensity data to hold countries with dirtier production accountable.”

The PROVE IT Act is endorsed by the American Petroleum Institute, American Conservation Coalition Action, Bipartisan Policy Center Action, American Iron and Steel Institute, Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, Citizens' Climate Lobby, Climate Leadership Council, Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions, Environmental Defense Fund, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, Third Way, Progressive Policy Institute, Independent Petroleum Association of America, Steel Manufacturers Association, and the United States Chamber of Commerce.

The PROVE IT Act is an important bipartisan step to protect American industry and drive down global carbon pollution. Citizens' Climate Lobby urges all members of Congress to cosponsor the PROVE IT Act and take action to pass the bill this Congress.