

# United States Senate

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Dear Colleagues,

Senators Durbin, Risch, Lujan, and Blackburn cordially invite you to join the Senate National Laboratory Caucus. This Caucus has not convened in several years, and we eagerly invite you to join its membership as we revitalize this critical forum.

The Department of Energy's network of 17 National Laboratories conduct cutting-edge research that is vital to maintaining US leadership in energy production, advanced computing, high-energy physics, nuclear security and non-proliferation, materials science, biosecurity, and countless other critical and emerging technology areas. The National Labs employ more than 20,000 scientists and engineers across the country, and operate unique instruments and facilities, like high performance computing centers, particle accelerators, and nanotechnology centers. This concentration of scientific expertise and infrastructure is unmatched anywhere else in the world.

As the United States navigates rapidly evolving energy markets, emerging technologies, and the international security environment, the Senate National Laboratory Caucus will ensure that this key component of our nation's research capacity is focused on strategic, bipartisan priorities to protect our nation's economic and national security. Crucially, the Senate National Laboratory Caucus will also coordinate with its counterpart in the House of Representatives. Bicameral coordination is essential to effectively support the National Laboratory network and advance critical research priorities at the Department of Energy.

The caucus will initially focus on organizing events and briefings to inform Members and their staff on the National Laboratories' capacity to support national science and technology priorities and serve as an open forum to identify bipartisan initiatives to maintain and extend U.S. leadership in critical scientific sectors.

Senators Durbin, Risch, Lujan, and Blackburn look forward to your participation in the Senate National Laboratory Caucus, and the critical conversations it will facilitate. Please contact the co-chairs' offices for more information on the Caucus' establishment and upcoming events. Some key contacts are provided at the bottom of this letter for your convenience.

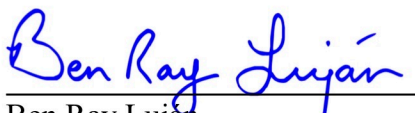
Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin  
United States Senator



James E. Risch  
United States Senator



Ben Ray Lujan  
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Marsha Blackburn  
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