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### Labor-Energy Partnership applauds California CCS study

Following today's release of *An Action Plan for Carbon Capture and Storage in California: Opportunities, Challenges and Solutions*, the Labor-Energy Partnership (LEP), a joint effort of the AFL-CIO and the Energy Futures Initiative (EFI) to develop policy solutions for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century energy system that creates and preserves quality jobs while tackling the climate crisis, issued the following statement:

We are pleased to note the significant potential for the deployment of carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) technology in California as an essential technology for meeting the state's ambitious greenhouse gas reduction goals. The EFI Report stresses that CCS will be key to reducing industrial emissions and providing California's growing renewable electricity portfolio with the low-carbon firm generation necessary to balance its variable generation. It identifies 76 potential sites for the application of CCS, including 51 industrial locations and multiple combined cycle natural gas generation units. The Report prioritizes ten potential projects with onsite storage capacity and identifies important policy adjustments to expedite deployment.

The LEP intends to build on EFI's California analysis with the development of a National Roadmap for the Deployment of Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Sequestration Technology.

Cecil Roberts, Chair of the AFL-CIO Energy Committee and President of the United Mine Workers of America, said, "This report makes abundantly clear the broad role that CCUS technology will play in the future of the American economy. This will help ensure that thousands of the next generation of coal miners and other traditional energy workers will have family- and community-sustaining jobs."

Lonnie Stephenson, Co-Chair of the AFL-CIO Energy Committee and President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, noted that, "The IBEW has long been a champion of the importance of this technology. We look forward to identifying the dozens of

additional power plant units and industrial sites around the country where this technology will create new jobs while producing low-carbon electricity.”

Ernest J. Moniz, CEO of the Energy Futures Initiative, added, “The LEP National Roadmap will be another important component of our effort to build a national coalition of stakeholders to support deep decarbonization. We need to address the climate crisis with a broad range of technologies that create new jobs in new industries while also revitalizing our existing businesses and infrastructure.”

### **About the Energy Futures Initiative:**

The Energy Futures Initiative advances science-based solutions to climate change through evidence-based analysis, thought leadership, and coalition-building. Under the leadership of Ernest J. Moniz, the 13<sup>th</sup> U.S. Secretary of Energy, the Washington-based EFI conducts rigorous research to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon economy through innovation in technology, policy, and business models. EFI maintains editorial independence from its sponsors. [www.energyfuturesinitiative.org](http://www.energyfuturesinitiative.org).

### **About the AFL-CIO:**

The affiliates of the AFL-CIO have represented workers in the energy sector for over 125 years, and continue to set the standard for family and community- supporting energy jobs. <https://aflcio.org/>