

April 9, 2015

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
House Energy and Commerce Committee
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
House Energy and Commerce Committee
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Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader Pelosi, Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Pallone:

The undersigned businesses, associations, independent electric grid operators and non-governmental organizations strongly support policies that promote energy efficiency in industrial, commercial, and residential applications. In that spirit we write to urge you to take up and pass S.535, the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2015, as quickly as possible upon returning from the spring recess.

Last Congress, on March 5, 2014, the House passed under suspension of the rules very similar legislation (H.R. 2126) by a vote of 375-36. On March 27, 2015, the Senate passed S. 535 by voice vote. This bipartisan package of time-sensitive, no-cost, no-mandate bills helps advance energy efficiency through reduced regulatory burden, increased transparency, and a focus on the federal government as a first mover to save taxpayer dollars on energy bills. During the Keystone XL Pipeline debate, identical language in the form of S.AMDT.3 was adopted by a vote of 94-5 in the Senate, and was included in the Conference Report that passed both the House and Senate.

Unless Congress acts by April 16, 2015, the Department of Energy (DOE) will begin implementation of an energy efficiency standard that will prevent the manufacture of large volume, grid-enabled electric resistance water heaters. These water heaters can be beneficial to electric cooperatives, other utilities, and their consumers through money-saving demand response programs and renewable energy integration.

A recent poll conducted for the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) and National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) found that a substantial majority of those polled—including those identifying themselves as conservative, moderate, and liberal—support measures to promote energy efficiency. Nine in ten of those polled support using energy-efficient products and believe it is important to include energy efficiency as part of our country's energy solutions. Seventy-four percent of those polled support investing taxpayers' dollars on energy efficient technologies, innovations, and programs if it would save consumers more money. Finally, 69 percent of those polled are more likely to support

investing taxpayers' dollars on energy efficiency if those investments will not raise taxes or add to the federal deficit and do not involve government mandates on consumers.

It is our sincere hope that the House of Representatives will quickly take up S. 535 and send this legislation to the President's desk immediately upon returning from the spring recess. Please let us know how we can help achieve that goal.

Sincerely,

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Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute
Alliance to Save Energy
Ameresco
American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE)
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Gaming Association
American Institute of Architects
American Public Power Association (APPA)
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers
Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International
Certified Commercial Investment Member Institute
Danfoss
Edison Electric Institute (EEI)
Glass Association of North America
Harvard
IAPMO
Illuminating Engineering Society of North America
Ingersoll Rand
Institute of Real Estate Management
International Code Council
International Council of Shopping Centers
Institute for Market Transformation (IMT)
Leviton
LonMark International
Malachite, LLC
NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association
National Apartment Association
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT)
National Association of REALTORS®
National Association of State Energy Officials
National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
National Fenestration Rating Council
National Insulation Association
National Multifamily Housing Council

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA)
Passive House Institute, US (PHIUS)
Pew Charitable Trusts
Philips
PJM Interconnection, L.L.C
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA)
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