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The Honorable Peter Welch
U.S. House of Representatives
1404 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Welch:

On behalf of the 1.2 million members of the National Association of REALTORS®, thank you for introducing H.R. 1778, the “Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance (REEP) Act”. This bill will make it possible for homeowners and building owners to make energy efficient improvements to their properties.

H.R. 1778 provides states with funds to incentivize energy retrofits of homes and buildings. The bill also provides flexibility for states to determine the most appropriate and effective program for their communities. Many property owners would like to make changes to their homes and buildings, but simply don’t have the resources to undertake the project. This bill will support these efforts by providing direct incentives. Unlike some broader energy efficient proposals, HR 1778 will facilitate changes in behavior and the actual implementation of energy efficient retrofits for homes and buildings. These improvements will not only benefit our environment, but will create jobs and reduce energy bills for consumers.

We believe that the “REEP Act” will provide valuable incentives to improve the energy efficiency of our nations building and homes, and stand ready to work with you to achieve its passage.

Sincerely,

Charles McMillan, CIPS, GRI
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