

January 27, 2014

Honorable Fred Upton, Chair
Honorable Henry Waxman, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman and Ranking Member:

We write to applaud and thank you for the decision to bring forward H.R. 2126, The Better Buildings Act, for consideration by the full Committee this week. As a broad and diverse group of businesses, public sector interest groups and others, we urge you to favorably report H.R. 2126 and then to work with us to ensure that the bill is brought to the House floor for passage as quickly as possible.

Why do we seek favorable consideration and swift passage of the bill introduced by Committee members David McKinley and Peter Welch? The answer is simple but profoundly important for our country. The bill helps to reduce energy use from the built environment which is the largest consuming energy sector in our economy. ACEEE has estimated that enactment of H.R. 2126 will cut consumer and business energy costs by nearly \$2 billion by 2030 and will reduce CO2 emissions by 11.75 million metric tons over the same period.¹

The business sector; state and local governments; consumer, environmental, efficiency and other interest groups -- who often have as divergent positions on issues as do Members of Congress -- have all united in their firm belief that energy efficiency legislation represents sound energy policy for our country. There are a number of other energy efficiency bills also pending before your Committee that, like H.R. 2126, have been introduced on a bi-partisan basis and enjoy the support of a broad and diverse constituency.

We are very hopeful that favorable Committee action on H.R. 2126 -- the first energy efficiency bill to be considered by your Committee in this Congress -- will usher in a new era of action on legislation that can improve U.S. energy productivity and security while also creating jobs and improving our environment.

Again, we appreciate the work of you and your Committee and we stand ready to support your efforts on this and other bi-partisan energy efficiency bills in any way we can.

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American Chemistry Council
American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
American Institute of Architects
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¹ American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, "Economic Impacts of the Energy Efficiency Provisions in the Energy Savings & Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2013 and Select Amendments," 2013.
<http://aceee.org/files/pdf/white-paper/shaheen-portman-2013.pdf> (analysis of the Senate companion bill)

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Conservation Services Group
Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship
Cree, Inc.
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Earth Day Network
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Energy Future Coalition
Environment America
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cc: Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee