

May 20, 2013

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressional Leaders:

On behalf of the Alliance to Save Energy (the Alliance), the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), Business Roundtable (BRT), the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and its Institute for 21st Century Energy (The Chamber), we write to encourage Congress to advance energy efficiency as a viable and important component of our overall national energy strategy. We call on Congress to move energy efficiency legislation swiftly and not to delay because there is strong bipartisan support now.

Of our five organizations, four released recommendations in February 2013 and the fifth (the Chamber) is set to release new recommendations in June. These recommendations speak to the need for greater energy productivity as a means of improving our national energy security, our economy and our environment. Though our organizations developed these recommendations independently, we found broad agreement on the widespread benefits provided to our economy and our environment through increased use of energy efficiency.

For example, the Alliance's [Energy2030](#) report calls on the nation to invest, modernize, and educate in order to reach a goal of doubling U.S. energy productivity by 2030. BPC's report, [America's Energy Resurgence: Sustaining Success, Confronting Challenges](#), includes more than 50 consensus-based recommendations on policy options to diversify energy production, including through cost-effective energy efficiency. BRT's [Taking Action on Energy: A CEO Vision for America's Energy Future](#), is a comprehensive national energy strategy to capitalize on U.S. strengths and accelerate economic growth and job creation. NAM's [A Growth Agenda: Four Goals for a Manufacturing Resurgence in America](#) sets a roadmap for economic growth and enhanced competitiveness for manufacturers. Finally, the Chamber released [Increasing America's Energy Efficiency](#) in spring 2010 which calls for putting into practice more robust energy efficiency programs as a crucial component of our nation's energy security, a view it will reiterate in its upcoming policy report.

Despite the diversity of our organizations' scopes and missions, we are aligned on the need for increased energy efficiency and the role of the government as both leader and catalyst for private sector utilization of energy efficiency technologies. The Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act (S. 761/H.R. 1616), now working its way through Congress, enjoys strong, bipartisan support and should serve as a critical piece of comprehensive national energy policy. There is no reason to wait. Start with energy efficiency and build from there.

We ask Congress to maintain energy efficiency as a top priority in shaping energy policy for the country. Our organizations, representing all sectors of the economy, recognize energy efficiency is a powerful tool with strong bipartisan support. Efficiency works, so please help clear a path to advance it to help businesses, consumers, and the economy.

Sincerely,

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National Association of Manufacturers
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
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CC: The Honorable Sen. Ron Wyden, Chairman, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
The Honorable Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Ranking Member, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
The Honorable Fred Upton, Chairman, House Energy and Commerce Committee
The Honorable Henry Waxman, Ranking Member, House Energy and Commerce Committee