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The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Republican Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Republican Leader McConnell:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region, supports S. 1000, the "Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act," and urges you to bring the bill to the Senate floor for debate as soon as possible. S. 1000 is a smart, practical, bipartisan bill that would boost competitiveness and create jobs by increasing the adoption of energy efficient technologies in residential, commercial and industrial sectors.

High energy prices are once again a priority issue for American voters. The Senate has spent much of the year pointing fingers and assigning blame. All the while, it has had in its lap a bill that enjoys strong bipartisan support and that would make a material difference in consumers' energy costs. Yet that bill, S. 1000, continues to sit on the sidelines.

S. 1000 would strengthen building energy codes and appliance standards, provide energy efficiency financing options for manufacturers, promote development of new industrial technologies, provide worker training, and require the federal government—America's single largest energy consumer—to improve its energy management. The bill was reported out of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee on a strong 18-3 vote.

S. 1000 may be one of the few energy bills that can garner enough support for passage in the 112<sup>th</sup> Senate. The business community strongly supports this bill. The Chamber urges you to find a way to bring S. 1000 to the Senate floor for a vote.

Sincerely,



R. Bruce Josten

Cc: The Members of the United States Senate