

April 28, 2014

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

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

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell:

As a broad coalition of energy efficiency and environmental organizations, small and large businesses, trade associations, and public interest groups, we urge you to bring the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act (S. 2074) to the floor for a vote as soon as possible.

S. 2074, introduced on February 27, 2014 by Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Senator Rob Portman, would help meet America's goals of increasing energy productivity, enhancing energy security, reducing harmful emissions, and promoting economic growth in a financially responsible manner. The new version of this bipartisan bill addresses energy savings in the federal government—the nation's largest energy consumer—and includes new provisions that expand energy efficiency savings and benefits to all sectors of the U.S. economy, from schools and homes, to commercial buildings, industry, and manufacturing.

Energy efficiency is the quickest, cheapest, and cleanest way to tackle domestic energy demand. Wasted energy not only weakens our national competitiveness on a global scale, but also compounds the financial burdens of businesses and consumers. An analysis of the new bill by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) estimates that by 2030, the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act would create more than 190,000 jobs, save consumers \$16 billion a year, and cut carbon dioxide by the equivalent of taking 22 million cars off the road.¹

Energy efficiency has always been a bipartisan issue. By fully deploying the power of energy efficiency, we can help create new jobs, save energy and money, and reduce carbon emissions. This legislation affords Congress the opportunity to assist the economy without undue cost or regulatory burden.

For these reasons, we urge you to schedule the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act for a vote in the near future so that Americans can begin reaping the many benefits of energy efficiency.

Sincerely,

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¹ American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, "Savings and Jobs in the Shaheen-Portman Bill," 2014.
<http://aceee.org/files/pdf/fact-sheet/s-p-handout.pdf>

Air Barrier Association of America
Alliance for Industrial Efficiency
American Chemistry Council
American Gas Association
American Public Power Association
ASHRAE
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Business Roundtable
Cellulose Insulation Manufacturers Association
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Copper Development Association
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Development Association
Nalco (an Ecolab Company)
National Association for State Community
Services Program
National Association of Electrical Distributors
National Association of State Energy Officials
National Association of the Remodeling Industry
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
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Association (PIMA)
Praxair, Inc.
Rebuilding Together
Rinnai
Schneider Electric
Seattle City Light
Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors
National Association, Inc.
Siemens
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United Technologies Corp.
Vermont Energy Investment Corporation
The Vinyl Institute
Vinyl Siding Institute
Washington Gas
Whirlpool
Window and Door Manufacturers Association

cc: Members of the U.S. Senate