

March 6, 2015

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

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

Senate Majority Leader McConnell and Senate Minority Leader Reid:

The undersigned businesses and associations strongly support policies that promote energy efficiency in industrial, commercial, and residential applications. We respectfully request that the Senate take timely floor action on S. 535, the Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2015. This bill is a package of time-sensitive, targeted, no-cost, no-mandate policies that advance energy efficiency through reduced regulatory burden, increased transparency, and a focus on the federal government as a first mover to save taxpayer dollars on energy bills. During the recent Keystone XL Pipeline debate, identical language in the form of S.AMDT.3 was overwhelmingly adopted with a strong bipartisan vote of 94-5.

A recent poll conducted for the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) and National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) found that a substantial majority of those polled—including those identifying as conservative, moderate, and liberal—support measures to promote energy efficiency. Nine in ten of those polled support using energy-efficient products and believe it is important to include energy efficiency as part of our country's energy solutions. 74 percent of those polled support investing taxpayers' dollars on energy efficient technologies, innovations, and programs if it would save consumers more money. Finally, 69 percent of those polled are more likely to support investing taxpayers' dollars on energy efficiency if those investments will not raise taxes or add to the federal deficit and do not involve government mandates on consumers.

We applaud the efforts of Senators who have worked tirelessly to advance pragmatic, reasonable energy policies, and urge the Senate's prompt consideration and approval of this time-sensitive legislation, S. 535. Energy efficiency policies that garner strong bipartisan support, do not rely on an outlay of taxpayer dollars, and do not impose mandates on consumers deserve prompt consideration by the Senate.

Sincerely,

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AEC Science & Technology, LLC
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Alliance to Save Energy
American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers
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Big Ass Solutions
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Eaton
EIFS Industry Members Association
Energy Future Coalition
Glass Association of North America
Green Button Alliance
Harvard Maintenance
Honeywell
Hubbell Incorporated
Illuminating Engineering Society of North America
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Institute for Market Transformation
International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials
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Leviton
LonMark International
Lutron
Masco Corporation
Malachite LLC
Mechanical Contractors Association of America
Mechanical Service Contractors of America
National Electrical Contractors Association
National Association of Electrical Distributors
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts
National Association of State Energy Officials
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
National Insulation Association
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association
Passive House Institute
Pew Charitable Trusts
Philips
Plumbing Manufacturers International
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association
OpenADR Alliance
Robert Bosch, LLC
The Real Estate Roundtable
The Stella Group, Ltd.
Schneider Electric
Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association
Siemens
Steffes Corporation
Underwriters Laboratories
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Whirlpool Corporation