

September 08, 2011

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Majority Leader

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader

United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leaders Reid and McConnell:

The purpose of this letter is to request that the Senate act on stand-alone energy efficiency legislation when it returns to legislative business in September. Unlike other energy policy proposals pending in Congress, legislation focused on increasing the energy efficiency of buildings has demonstrated bi-partisan support and will result in immediate U.S. job creation without undue cost to the U.S. Treasury or unreasonable regulatory burden to American job creators.

The private sector, from small contractors to large manufacturers, is looking for investment opportunities suited to today's fast changing global economy. Making buildings more energy efficient cuts costs, offers market beating investment returns, and protects companies from volatile energy prices. Removing barriers to building efficiency can unlock job-creating business investment. As manufacturers and suppliers of components and technologies that have made documented improvements in residential and commercial buildings, we believe that the energy efficiency bills reported this Congress by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee offer a pathway to removing some of the financial and regulatory barriers that currently prevent increased private sector investment in energy efficiency.

Given the clear cut benefits of policies directed specifically at building energy efficiency, we strongly urge you to proceed to debate on those policy measures and consider other energy supply policy proposals on a separate track.

Sincerely,

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