

March 23, 2023

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chairwoman
Energy and Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
Energy and Commerce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support Energy Efficiency, Oppose the Homeowner Energy Freedom Act (H.R. 1603)

Dear Chairwoman McMorris Rodgers and Ranking Member Pallone,

We, the undersigned coalition of over 200 businesses, trade associations, environmental advocates, energy efficiency advocates, contractors, small business owners, and other members of the building performance industry write to **voice our strong opposition to H.R. 1603, the Homeowner Energy Freedom Act** (also known as Sec. 10016 within H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act). This legislation would repeal and rescind funding for three vital programs included in the Inflation Reduction Act: High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program (HEEHR, Sec. 50122); State-Based Home Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Grants (IRA Sec. 50123); and Assistance for Latest and Zero Building Energy Code Adoption (IRA Sec. 50131).

At a time of volatile energy costs and the need to mitigate carbon emissions, these three programs are critical to improving our nation's energy security and economic growth, while also lowering consumer energy bills. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), [energy efficiency](#) alone has the ability to achieve 40% of the emission reductions required under the Paris Agreement. Moreover, based on data from the [Energy Efficiency Impact Report](#), but for existing energy efficiency investments, carbon emissions would have been 80% higher in 2021. Furthermore, [without the energy efficiency](#) investments made since 1980, energy consumption and emissions would have been 77% higher, and consumers would be paying nearly \$800 billion more per year in energy costs. Also, energy efficiency is a major economic engine, equaling [2.2 million jobs](#) with [75% of the workforce](#) being employed by small businesses with under 20 employees.

HEEHR provides funding to states, tribes, and territories to create programs providing point-of-sale rebates for high-efficiency electric appliance upgrades, insulation, and air sealing. HEEHR is only available to low- and moderate-income households – in other words, those least likely to afford these upgrades. **State-Based Contractor Training Grants** provide grants to states and territories to expand America's home performance and electrification workforce, financing critical on-the-job training via wage subsidies and online and in-person certification and testing. At a time of critical workforce shortages, this important funding will help small businesses train crews to help homeowners cost-effectively upgrade their homes.¹ **Building Energy Code Adoption** grants will provide critical support to state and local governments to ensure residential and commercial buildings save energy, reducing utility bills and carbon emissions.

¹ According to the 2022 U.S. Energy and Employment Report (USEER), 91% of respondents working in construction-related energy efficiency jobs indicated it was "very difficult" or "somewhat difficult" to find employees. U.S. Department of Energy, 2022 U.S. Energy and Employment Report. https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2022-06/USEER%202022%20National%20Report_1.pdf. 138.

States, tribes and territories have been working hard to set up these programs, which have also drawn strong interest from homeowners across the country. Repealing these programs and rescinding funding would not only limit consumer choice for energy upgrades, but would also disrupt the entire home performance industry, which has planned on the rollout of these rebate and workforce dollars since the IRA's enactment last August.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact Kara Saul Rinaldi at kara@anndyl.com with any questions or for more information.

Sincerely,

Alliance to Save Energy
American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE)
Advanced Energy United (AEU)
Association for Energy Affordability
BlocPower
Building Decarbonization Coalition (BDC)
Building Performance Association (BPA)
Building Performance Institute (BPI)
Cellulose Insulation Manufacturers Association
Climate Mayors
Dandelion Energy
E4TheFuture
Elevate
Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)
Franklin Energy
Institute for Market Transformation (IMT)
Insulation Contractors Association of America
International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology (ICAST)
National Insulation Association (NIA)
National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)
North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA)
Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
Pearl Certification
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA)
Recurve Analytics
Rewiring America
Sealed
Sierra Club
Solar United Neighbors
U.S. Green Building Council
WE ACT for Environmental Justice
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Additional Companies and Organizations signing on:

Antonini Consulting LLC (Arizona)
Arrow Seal of Tucson (Arizona)
CozyHome LLC (Arizona)
SunCrop Solar & Energy Solutions (Arkansas)
Indoor Air Institute (California)
Cherry Hill Plumbing, Heating and Cooling (California)
Van Gelder Construction Company (California)
Kendall Architecture (California)
Better Climate Research and Policy Analysis (California)
Applied Building Science (California)
CalCERTS, Inc. (California)
Peralta Community College District (California)
Bits Limited (California)
Kevell Home Performance (California)
AIM Associates (California)
Absolute Efficiency Group (California)
Building Electrification Institute (California)
AjO (California)
A H.E.R.S. Rater, Inc. (California)
350 Bay Area Action (California)
Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (Colorado)
TdZyn & Services (Colorado)
Fenix Insulation (Colorado)
Lotus Energy Solutions (Colorado)
EcoAction Partners (Colorado)
OptiMiser, LLC (Colorado)
Snugg Home (Colorado)
Energy Smart Colorado (Colorado)
Green Builder Media (Colorado)
The-energystore (Connecticut)
Home Comfort Practice (Connecticut)
Energy Services Group Inc. (Delaware)
ROCKWOOL (District of Columbia)
Senica Air Conditioning (Florida)
Structural Insulated Panel Association (Florida)
Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance (Georgia)
Building Performance Strategies (Georgia)
Southern Insulation Group, LLC (Georgia)
ONE Northside (Illinois)
Metro East Green Alliance (Illinois)
Greenergy Chicago (Illinois)
Knauf Insulation (Indiana)
Indiana Environmental Clean Energy J40 Corporation (Indiana)
Home Star Iowa (Iowa)
Fort Built (Kansas)

Climate + Energy Project (Kansas)
Cumberland Energy Consultants (Kentucky)
Air Comfort of KY (Kentucky)
COA (Louisiana)
Carroll Insulation & Window Co, Inc. (Louisiana)
Destination Occupation (Maine)
Casco Bay Insulation Inc. (Maine)
Evergreen Home Performance, LLC (Maine)
Energy Circle, LLC (Maine)
Maine Blower Door Testing (Maine)
Ecocor, LLC (Maine)
Fein Designs (Maine)
Horizon Homes (Maine)
Advanced Green Home Solutions (Maryland)
Atlas Home Energy Solutions, LLC (Maryland)
EPS Industry Alliance (Maryland)
FLC Energy (Maryland)
Northeast Energy Efficiency and Electrification Council (Massachusetts)
HomeWorks Energy (Massachusetts)
Cape Cod Energy Solutions (Massachusetts)
Rare Forms, Inc (Massachusetts)
Square Foot Analytics (Massachusetts)
Tamarack Ventilation (Massachusetts)
Housing Assistance Corporation (Massachusetts)
Alternative Weatherization (Massachusetts)
Cape Save, Inc. (Massachusetts)
Longwood Energy Group (Massachusetts)
ZeroCarbonMA (Massachusetts)
Embue (Massachusetts)
Snug Home (Michigan)
Power Build Success (Michigan)
SEEL, LLC (Michigan)
Better World Builders, LLC (Michigan)
WMGB Home Improvement (Michigan)
Center for Energy and Environment (Minnesota)
MN350 (Minnesota)
McGough & Associates Inc. (Minnesota)
Hathmore Technologies, LLC (Missouri)
Community Action Agency of Greater Kansas City (Missouri)
Mason-Grant Consulting (New Hampshire)
Gregory La Vardera Architect (New Jersey)
Energy Brite Insulation and Solar Corp (New Jersey / New York)
Greater Bergen Community Action, Inc. (New Jersey)
Energy Efficiency Alliance of New Jersey (New Jersey)
Pro Energy Solutions (New Jersey)
EnergyWorks LLC (New Mexico)
Building Performance Contractors Association of New York State (New York)

Green Building Specialists (New York)
Mid-Hudson Energy Transition (New York)
Hudson Valley Green Homes (New York)
Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency (New York)
Reed Building Services, Inc. (New York)
Brennan & Brennan, Inc. (New York)
Buffalo Energy Inc. (New York)
Sustainable Westchester (New York)
Fred F. Collis & Sons (New York)
R McLagan Inc. (New York)
Aztech Geothermal, LLC (New York)
Foam It Insulation (New York)
Taylor Heating, Inc. (New York)
Green Team LI (New York)
Healthy Home Energy and Consulting (New York)
Home Performance Consultants, Inc. (New York)
Communities for Local Power (New York)
New York Geothermal Energy Organization (New York)
Healthy Home Energy & Consulting, Inc. (New York)
Climate Solutions Accelerator of the Genesee-Finger Lakes Region (New York)
White Oak Power, LLC (New York)
Zerodraft (New York)
Halco (New York)
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (New York)
Energy Saving Solutions, LLC (New York)
New Yorkers for Clean Power (New York)
Wise Home Energy (New York)
Elite Property Maintenance (New York)
Green Power Associates (New York)
True Building Performance (New York)
Green Power Associates (New York)
HeatSmart FLX South - Cornell Cooperative Extension of Schuyler County (New York)
Pratt Center for Community Development (New York)
Triple H Insulation (New York)
Network for a Sustainable Tomorrow (New York)
Kinetic Communities Consulting (New York)
NYS Energy Solutions, Inc. (New York)
CNY Service Home Team at Keller Williams Realty Syracuse (New York)
Passive House Network (New York)
Adirondack Efficiency (New York)
Gaia Sharbel Energy Contracting (New York)
Passive House Network (New York)
Steezo Enterprises (New York)
Conservation Pros, Inc. (North Carolina)
Everblue (North Carolina)
Green Door Energy, LLC (North Carolina)
Energy Reduction Specialists of NC, Inc. (North Carolina)

CPCA (North Carolina)
Aeroseal (Ohio)
Winston Family Group, LLC (Ohio)
Andrews Home Energy Services, LLC (Ohio)
American Made (Ohio)
Agency for Community Empowerment of Northeastern Pennsylvania (Pennsylvania)
Northern Tier Community Action Corporation (Pennsylvania)
Kearnes Heat & Air (Oklahoma)
Oklahoma Weatherization Training Center / OKACCA (Oklahoma)
New Buildings Institute (Oregon)
GreenSavers (Oregon)
Advanced Energy Inspections (Oregon)
Home Energy and Comfort (Pennsylvania)
Keystone Energy Efficiency Alliance (Pennsylvania)
Berks Community Action Program, Inc. (Pennsylvania)
Project Probono, LLC (Pennsylvania)
Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley (Pennsylvania)
Solstice Home Performance (Pennsylvania)
AEC (Tennessee)
All For Walls (Tennessee)
Vent Cap Systems™ (Texas)
Building Science Institute, Ltd. Co. (Texas)
Climate Cool Air Condition Service (Texas)
IDI Insulation (Texas)
Project BRAVO (Texas)
WARM, LLC (Vermont)
Farnum Insulators, Inc. (Vermont)
Home Energy Medics (Virginia)
Rhema Designs & Remodeling, Inc. (Virginia)
Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance (Virginia)
Home Performance Services (Virginia)
Pittsylvania County Community Action (Virginia)
FH Furr (Virginia)
NW Energy Coalition (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana)
Seattle City Light (Washington)
Simplicity Home Energy (Washington)
Green Built Insulation (Washington)
Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners (Washington)
Metropolitan Development Council (Washington)
SynerGreen (Washington)
Chelan Douglas Community Action Council (Washington)
Capital Home Performance (West Virginia)
Energy Partners, LLC (West Virginia)
Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency (Wisconsin)
Pfeiffer's Energy Services (Wisconsin)
Slipstream (Wisconsin)
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