



Dear :

Today we have an opportunity to take a huge step toward providing American consumers and businesses with economic incentives for becoming more energy efficient, but we need your immediate help to do so. The full Senate is scheduled to consider an economic stimulus package today, and the Senate Finance Committee version of that legislation, which was approved yesterday, contains extensions to the important energy efficiency tax incentives provided to homeowners, commercial building owners and manufacturers under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. (The House-passed version of the bill DOES NOT include these important extenders.)

I'll describe the details of the tax incentives in a moment, but let me first ask you to contact your Senators TODAY to urge them to adopt a stimulus package that includes the Senate Finance Committee-recommended energy efficiency tax incentives. Since the White House has indicated that additions to the package approved by the House could place enactment of the bill in peril, it is most important that we not only secure passage of a Senate bill that includes the efficiency provisions, but that we do so with a strong vote/show of support that will help us fend off possible efforts during the House and Senate conference on the bill to strip the provisions and/or a possible veto threat from the President.

This is truly an instance where your intervention could have a real impact on the outcome of this campaign to conclude the unfinished business from the 2007 energy law. Given that this is a Presidential election year, we may not have another good opportunity to pass these vital tax incentives in 2008 as we have right now. **So, please join us in our campaign and [write your Senators today!](#)**

Energy Efficiency Tax Incentives in the Senate Finance Committee Stimulus Package

The tax incentives in the Senate Finance Committee stimulus package put money back into the economy by encouraging the purchase of energy-efficient products and services, and put money back in the hands of American consumers by lowering their monthly energy bills, which are estimated to average roughly \$2,200 this year. The incentives include:

- A **homeowners tax credit** (up to \$500) provide incentives for consumers for installing energy efficient furnaces, windows, exterior doors, metal roofs and insulation to make their homes more efficient; the credit is also available for then installation of energy efficient furnaces, boilers, central air conditioners, heat pumps or water heaters.
- A **new residential homes tax deduction** for builders that erect new homes that exceed the national model energy code by 50% (subject to certification) and to producers of manufactured homes that exceed a national model building code by 30% or that meet Energy Star standards.
- A **commercial buildings tax deduction** for owners or tenants that make energy efficient improvements to new or renovated commercial buildings that cut by at least half the annual heating, air conditioning, ventilation, water heating, and interior lighting costs that meet the national ASHRAE standard 90.1-2001.

- A **set of appliance manufacturer tax credits** to encourage production of very high-efficiency appliances such as clothes washers, dishwashers, and refrigerators (so-called “white goods”).
- The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy has estimated that enactment of these provisions could result in a reduction of **97 MMT of carbon and \$22 billion in net savings on energy costs cumulatively thru the year 2030.**

Again, I ask that you heed our call for help, as you did with such resounding success last month when we secured the Energy Independence and Security Act, to insure that we stimulate investment in energy efficiency as part of our national policy effort to jump-start the economy.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kateri Callahan", is positioned above a horizontal dashed line.

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