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Re: Please Oppose H.R. 8

Dear Congressman Bobby Rush:

We understand that this week you will vote on H.R. 8, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015. This bill strikes from the law provisions that establish targets for reducing energy from fossil fuels in newly constructed and significantly renovated federal buildings. These provisions were originally passed as Section 433 of the bipartisan Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Eliminating this language would be a significant setback in the effort to make the nation's building stock more sustainable, undermining the critical, consensus-based work that Congress has done.

Furthermore, the Department of Energy has not yet finalized the rules governing this provision. It is premature to repeal a provision of law for which a rule has yet to be issued.

We urge you to oppose this bill and any effort to repeal this critical law.

If you have any questions about this issue, please contact Christina Mason, Director of Federal Relations, American Institute of Architects at ChristinaMason@aia.org or Radha Adhar, Federal Policy Representative, Sierra Club at radha.adhar@sierraclub.org.

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