

December 1, 2015

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204
U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Democratic Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of a coalition of energy efficiency organizations, large and small businesses, trade associations, and public interest groups, we, the undersigned, urge you and the members of our respective caucuses to oppose passage of H.R. 8, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015.

Energy efficiency is a critical energy resource, essential to our country's energy independence. More than half of the energy used today to power our economy is wasted, which represents an enormous opportunity for achieving savings and extracting gains in productivity. To take maximum advantage of energy efficiency requires national policies and programs to ensure cost-effectiveness and efficacy.

Unfortunately, H.R. 8 holds the dubious distinction of being an energy bill with efficiency provisions that would actually increase costs for American consumers and businesses. The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) estimates that the energy efficiency title of H.R. 8 would result in a net cost to consumers of roughly \$20 billion and increase energy use by roughly 10 quadrillion British thermal units (quads) for measures through 2040. In particular, and most troubling, the building energy codes provisions in H.R. 8 would weaken current state and local code development and adoption processes and mandate an inappropriate, inflexible, and short-sighted "payback" metric. The building energy codes provisions are primarily responsible for the increased cost to consumers.

We therefore respectfully urge you to stand with American consumers and businesses and cast your vote against H.R. 8.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

E4TheFuture
Alliance to Save Energy
American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
ASHRAE
Efficiency First

Energy Efficient Codes Coalition
Home Performance Coalition
National Association of State Energy Officials

cc: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives