



August 29, 2025

The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray
Vice Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support Adequate Funding for the Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program

Dear Chair Collins, Vice Chair Murray, Chairman Cole, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We, the undersigned coalition of 70 companies and weatherization stakeholders, write to urge you to support adequate Fiscal Year 2026 funding for the Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and State Energy Program (SEP) to continue current operations and programs.

The Alliance to Save Energy (Alliance) is a leading non-profit, bipartisan and fuel-neutral energy efficiency policy organization consisting of a coalition of manufacturers, utilities, technology companies, environmental advocates, and others who are committed to advancing the role of energy efficiency in U.S. energy policy, and its value in achieving energy affordability, grid reliability, and energy security.

Since its creation in 1976, WAP has helped improve the lives of over 7.2 million low-income and rural Americans—individuals particularly susceptible to high energy burdens.¹ Congress has consistently shown strong bipartisan support for this program, which enables upgrades that save households an average of \$372 or more in average annual energy costs every year.² Every \$1 invested in weatherization yields \$1.72 in energy benefits, and also \$2.78 in non-energy benefits. After participating, families have homes that are healthier and more livable; participants report decreased out-of-pocket medical expenses by an average of \$514, as well as \$538 in savings due to fewer missed days of work.³ The Oak Ridge National Laboratory found that the total health and household-related benefits for each weatherized unit average around \$14,148.⁴ In the face of rising energy prices, providing sufficient funding for the program will ensure that these benefits continue to flow directly to consumers.

¹ Department of Energy, Weatherization Assistance Program, <https://www.energy.gov/scep/wap/weatherization-assistance-program>.

² Ibid.

³ Office of State & Community Energy Programs, "Weatherization Assistance Program", 2023. <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-08/2023-WAP-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

⁴ Oak Ridge National Lab, "Weatherization Works - Summary of Findings from the Retrospective Evaluation of the U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program", 2014. https://weatherization.ornl.gov/wp-content/uploads/pdf/WAPRetroEvalFinalReports/ORNL_TM-2014_338.pdf

In addition to reducing energy costs, WAP supports local jobs for the organizations and contractors providing weatherization services to households across the country. According to DOE, the annual funds provided by WAP support 8,500 jobs every year.¹ Much of WAP's work is on the ground—performing in-home installations or maintenance—and these jobs support local economies and cannot be outsourced.

Adequate support for the Weatherization Readiness Fund (WRF) is also vital, which is separate from WAP's base program. WRF allows state programs to address barriers to weatherization, such as structural deficiencies, outdated wiring, or health risks like mold and asbestos, allowing more homes to qualify for WAP. Addressing these issues gives states and local agencies the flexibility to reach more low-income homeowners currently ineligible for funding under WAP. Adequate appropriations for the Weatherization Readiness Fund help ensure that eligible homeowners can access WAP funds to make their households safer, healthier, and more energy efficient.

SEP provides formula funding to the 56 states, territories, and the District of Columbia to enhance energy security, advance state-led energy development and grid modernization initiatives and increase energy affordability. Through SEP funding provided by Congress, State Energy Offices realize substantial benefits for American families, communities, and businesses. State SEP investments have resulted in the modernization of State Energy Emergency planning and response to reduce the impact of natural disasters and cyber-attacks, reduced energy waste and costs in more than 20,000 buildings (143 million square feet); advanced cost-effective industrial energy efficiency actions to improve competitiveness; led energy savings performance contracts for public facility energy retrofits; and supported STEM energy education at K-12 schools.⁵

We urge you to fully support Weatherization Assistance Program and State Energy Program funding in FY26. Please contact Jason Reott (jreott@ase.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Alliance to Save Energy (ASE)
Alliance for Water Efficiency (A4WE)
American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE)
American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE)
American Gas Association (AGA)
ASHRAE
Association of Energy Engineers (AEE)
Boca Systems, Inc.
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Community in Action
Complete Exteriors
Con Edison
Copeland
Dennis White Designs
Duke Energy
E4TheFuture
ECOER, INC.

⁵ Office of State Community Energy Programs (SCEP), State Energy Program: Fact Sheet, 2023.
https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/SEP-fact-sheet-2023_0.pdf

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National Association of Energy Service Companies (NAESCO)
National Association of State Energy Offices (NASEO)
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Southern California Edison
Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP)
Supreme Green Energy Inc
The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW)
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