

April 11, 2025

The Honorable Christopher Wright
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue,
SW Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We, the undersigned organizations, are writing to express our strong **support for the Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation (RECI) program at DOE, which lowers energy costs for American families, strengthens grid reliability with reduced strain on the electric grid, and supports American energy innovation and jobs.**

With \$225 million in funding appropriated over five years with bipartisan support, RECI grants have enabled states, cities, Tribal Nations, and partnering organizations to invest to implement updated building energy codes that save money, improve efficiency, and promote a resilient built environment.

As the nation faces increasing challenges related to rapid electricity demand growth driven by increased domestic investment in manufacturing and artificial intelligence, it is imperative that we continue to support programs like RECI that help ensure electric grid reliability and energy affordability for all Americans. The benefits of these RECI grant projects in all regions across the country extend beyond energy and resilience; they also create jobs in construction, technology, and manufacturing, strengthening domestic industries that support national security. *Building energy codes represent a significant savings opportunity for U.S. home and business owners. Energy codes for residential and commercial buildings are projected to save \$182 billion in energy costs (cumulative 2010-2040).*

Federal support for these projects is critical as they assist regions and jurisdictions across all 50 states including those with limited resources and ability to support the work. The majority of the RECI awards are focused on capacity building and technology integration by the statutory responsibility (42 USC 6833, 6836, 6838) of providing training and technical assistance for building code officials, builders, and design professionals. This supports and facilitates the use of affordable and reliable energy technologies and best practices to improve building performance and grid interaction while reducing costs.

We respectfully request that the DOE continue the funding for all already contracted RECI grants. By doing so, we can build a brighter future for all Americans.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to your support.

Sincerely,

American Chemistry Council Plastics Division
Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International
Cellulose Insulation Manufacturers Association

EPS Industry Alliance
NAESCO
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
North American Insulation Manufacturers Association
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association
Bora Architecture & Interiors
Britt/Makela Group
DLR Group
DuPont Performance Building Solutions
Energy Futures Group
Greenwood Consulting Group, LLC
Hathmore Technologies
HDR Architecture, Inc.
HGA
Johnson Controls
Kodama Studio
LAC-TER
Mahlum Architects
MSR Design
NBBJ
Newman Architects
Rice-Stromgren Architects
Steven Winter Associates, Inc.
Strategic Workforce Development Inc.
Weber Thompson
AIA Hawaii State Council
AIA Honolulu
AIA Minnesota
AIA Vermont
American Institute of Architects (AIA)
American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)
American Society of Interior Designers (ASID)
Urban Sustainability Directors Network
American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks
BuildGreenCT
Building Electrification Institute
CA Efficiency and Demand Management Council
Center for Energy and Environment

Clean Energy Group
Earth Advantage Inc.
Environmental and Energy Study Institute
Green Building United
Indiana Environmental Clean Energy J40, Inc.
Institute for Market Transformation (IMT)
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