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To the Leadership of the House of Representatives:

On behalf of The United States Conference of Mayors, we want to thank you for your leadership on the energy bill now pending before the U. S. House of Representatives, and we urge its passage. Among the many positive elements of the legislation, we especially want to applaud your efforts as well as other House members for establishing a new Energy Efficiency Block Grant program.

This is a critical time for our nation, as our energy inefficiency and dependency increasingly threaten our economic security. We must move forward on this much needed legislation that will help us make significant gains in improving energy efficiency and reducing our dependency on foreign oil.

Mayors across this country have implemented many innovative programs and we see this legislation as an important catalyst in expanding these efforts that are already underway in communities all across the nation.

Under the Energy Efficiency Block Grant program, cities, counties and states will have the ability to accelerate and expand local and state energy efficiency programs. In addition, it will assist America's cities, counties and states with their continued efforts to retrofit public and private buildings to make them more energy efficient, to increase the usage of alternative energy sources, utilize alternative fuels, and other energy efficiency strategies.

For these reasons and others, the nation's mayors strongly support this legislation and urge its swift passage.

Sincerely,

Douglas H. Palmer  
President  
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cc: Members, U. S. House of Representatives