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Memorandum

To: The Mayors

From: Tom Cochran *Tom Cochran*
Executive Director

Subject: **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSES ENERGY LEGISLATION**

Date: December 6, 2007

I am pleased to report that today the U. S. House of Representatives passed comprehensive energy legislation that includes the Conference's top legislative priority -- an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program -- as set forth in Conference President Palmer's 10-Point Plan: Strong Cities, Strong Families for a Strong America. On the anniversary of his first year as our President, we especially thank Mayor Douglas Palmer who has worked tirelessly to get us to this point through his strong leadership.

This energy bill provides \$2 billion annually over five years for our energy block grant program to support your locally developed energy and climate strategies.

The House of Representatives voted 235-181 to approve the "Energy Independence and Security Act (H. R. 6)" and to send the measure to the Senate, which is expected to begin its deliberations as early as tomorrow.

This is a big victory in the legislative process to enact this priority for the Conference and the nation's mayors, which was made possible by your many efforts. Two key milestones remain: Senate approval, and the President's signature.

Together, we will continue to press forward until final enactment.