

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

**Support Reauthorization of the
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program**

Dear Colleague,

We write to invite you to cosponsor H.R. 2088, which would reauthorize and increase funding for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program.

The EECBG program was authorized in 2007 as part of the Energy Independence and Security Act to provide grants to states, local governments, and Indian tribes to assist their efforts to reduce fossil fuel emissions and conserve energy. Grants can be used to improve energy efficiency in all sectors of the local economy and for a wide variety of activities allowing flexibility to fund projects and programs that best address local conditions and needs.

In a national evaluation of the program's effectiveness, it was found that with just one year of funding:

- 25.7 million metric tons of carbon equivalent was avoided;
- \$1.76 in savings were generated over the lifetime of the measures installed for every dollar invested; and
- \$5.2 billion in cumulative savings on energy bills were produced, 70 percent of which were realized by residential customers.

Our bill reauthorizes the program to provide \$3.5 billion a year over five years. Additionally, it adds the goal of diversifying energy supplies by promoting the use of alternative fuels to the program's purpose and allows funds to be used to deploy infrastructure for delivering alternative fuels. The bill is supported by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities.

The EECBG program has proven to be very effective in reducing fossil fuel emissions and energy use by assisting cities, counties, states, and Indian tribes advance important conservation projects and programs.

We hope you will join us in supporting this legislation. If you would like to cosponsor the bill, please contact: Tracee Sutton (Rep. Stanton) at: Tracee.Sutton@mail.house.gov or Thaddeus Woody (Rep. Veasey) at: Thaddeus.Woody@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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