

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 17, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable Joseph Biden
Vice President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear Mr. President and Mr. Vice President,

We share your urgent goal of quickly putting Americans back to work. As you review options to achieve this goal, we urge you to consider a national energy efficiency home retrofit program, modeled after House-passed legislation, which would immediately create jobs and save homeowners money on their energy bills.

We believe a retrofit jobs program could:

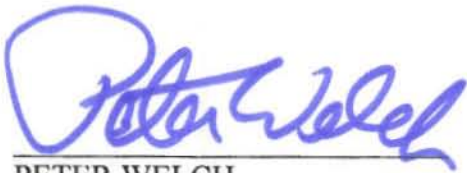
- create 600,000 to 850,000 local jobs that cannot be outsourced;
- retrofit over 5 million homes; and
- save homeowners more than \$3 billion per year on energy bills.

We urge you to review H.R. 1778, the Retrofit for Energy and Environmental Performance (REEP) Program, which is included in the House and Senate climate change bills (Sections 202 and 164, respectively). This legislation has the support of a broad coalition of industry, trade, conservation, and labor groups, including the National Association of Home Builders, Natural Resources Defense Council, the National Association of Realtors, EfficiencyFirst, and The Alliance to Save Energy, among others.

Consistent with the Vice President's October 19 "Recovery Through Retrofit Report," we believe a jobs retrofit program of this nature could be implemented immediately using authority under current law and funds already appropriated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

We look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,



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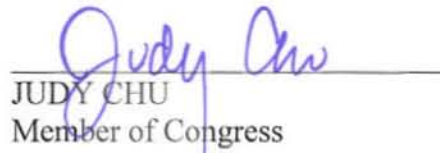
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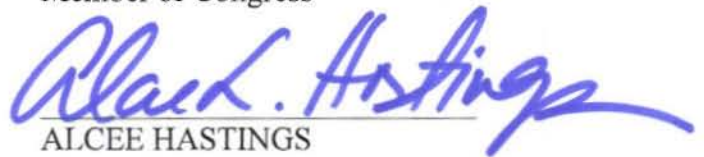
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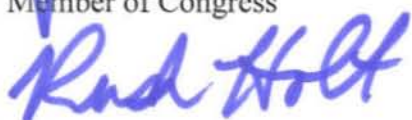
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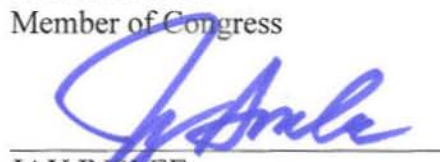
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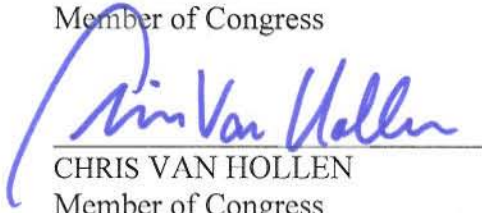
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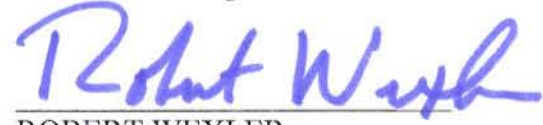
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