



May 6, 2010

Dear Representative:

Today, the House of Representatives will vote on the Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010 (H.R. 5019). We strongly urge you to vote in favor of this legislation.

Home Star is a win for our environment and a win for our economy. By providing rebates and incentives to homeowners who invest in home energy efficiency improvements, Home Star will save consumers money on their electric bills and create hundreds of thousands of jobs for American workers.

If fully funded at \$6 billion, the Home Star program would create an estimated 168,000 jobs. Many of these new jobs would be in the hard-hit construction sector, which lost 1.6 million jobs during the recession and continues to have an unemployment rate of over 20 percent. Home Star would also reduce energy consumption by the equivalent of three coal-fired power plants each year, simultaneously reducing pollution and saving consumers between \$200 and \$500 per year on their home energy bills.

Home Star is a fast but efficient way to improve the health, wealth, and well-being of our most vulnerable communities. It includes strengthened job quality and access provisions, which set the framework to help build a long-term, high-road construction industry and help to ensure that low-income people and communities of color have access to these opportunities.

Our communities desperately need jobs, and Home Star will help create them. It is a critical step towards building the kind of clean energy economy we need to lift people out of poverty, spur sustainable growth, and end our reliance on dirty fossil fuels. We urge you to help pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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