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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region, supports H.R. 5019, the "Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010," which would provide a solid framework for a worthwhile, incentive-based program to create American jobs and promote energy conservation.

The home retrofit industry is a uniquely American industry: the vast majority of windows, doors and insulation for these retrofits are manufactured in the United States. Since 2006, this industry has been decimated, with more than 650,000 jobs lost. The incentives provided by H.R. 5019 would create living-wage jobs for American workers, while providing homeowners the ability to make a substantial reduction in their overall energy costs.

The Chamber urges the House to approve this legislation, and may consider including votes on, or in relation to, this legislation in our annual *How They Voted* scorecard.

Sincerely,



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