

**League of Conservation Voters * Natural Resources Defense Council
Union of Concerned Scientists * The Wilderness Society**

Energy and Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators;

On behalf of the millions of members and supporters our organizations represent, we urge you to support S.761, introduced by Senators Shaheen (D-NH) and Portman (R-OH), and to oppose adding any amendments that do not embrace the principles of cooperation and consensus that the bill embodies.

As drafted, this legislation would increase energy efficiency in buildings, industry and the federal government, reducing pollution while saving taxpayer dollars and creating jobs throughout the economy.

S. 761 was built on a principle of consensus: every provision and modification went through a review process with a broad group of stakeholders and only those provisions which achieved consensus were included in the bill. The broad support the bill has received is the product of that principle.

We thank Senators Shaheen and Portman for their leadership and once again urge the committee to pass this legislation expeditiously. We also urge that any amendments considered during the markup process reflect the same consensus principle upon which the bill was built. There is no reason to delay capturing the many benefits of energy efficiency.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to continuing to work with you and the Committee to advance energy efficiency gains that will benefit all Americans.

Sincerely,

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