



Using less. Doing more.



May 30, 2013

The Honorable John Hoeven
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Hoeven and Manchin:

The undersigned write in support of your legislation, S. 1020, the All-Of-The-Above Federal Building Energy Conservation Act of 2013, to improve federal energy management. The proposal would save taxpayers money by enhancing the energy efficiency of federal buildings. It would repeal a requirement on fossil fuel-generated energy consumption in new and renovated federal buildings, but strengthen broader energy targets and other direction to federal agencies.

A part of Section 433 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 was intended to reduce fossil fuel-generated energy use in new and renovated federal buildings, with a 100% reduction required by the year 2030. However, due to the complexities of interpreting the law, the Department of Energy has yet to issue a final rule implementing this requirement. Thus, there are continuing concerns that it could discourage comprehensive energy efficiency renovations, stifle innovations and result in increased energy costs for the federal government.

Your proposal would repeal this requirement but strengthen several existing federal energy management provisions to ensure large energy savings in the coming years. These fuel-neutral provisions include:

- Extend overall energy use intensity reduction targets of 3% a year for federal buildings out to 2020 to continue the focus on reducing building energy waste;
- Ensure that significant alterations and additions to federal buildings, such as new roofs, meet minimum efficiency levels;
- Use commissioning of large federal buildings to ensure that their energy systems are operating as designed – this has been shown to achieve significant energy savings at modest cost; and
- Encourage use of energy management systems and implementation of cost-effective capital measures in large federal buildings, in part by using private financing

and expertise, such as in Energy Savings Performance Contracts and Utility Energy Service Contracts.

These provisions would give federal building energy managers flexibility to achieve reductions in federal energy consumption in a cost-effective manner, encourage the adoption of energy efficient technologies and practices, and spur the retrofits of federal buildings.

We greatly appreciate your leadership in building broad support behind a legislative package that will ensure that the federal government demonstrates best practices in reducing wasted energy and wasted taxpayer money.

Sincerely,

Alliance to Save Energy
American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
American Gas Association
American Public Gas Association
American Public Power Association
Edison Electric Institute
Federal Performance Contracting Coalition
Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association
National Association of Energy Service Companies
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

Cc: Members of the Senate