

January 28, 2010

Representative Russ Carnahan  
Co-chair, High-Performance Building Caucus  
1710 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Education and Training of Personnel for High-Performance Federal Buildings

Dear Representative Carnahan:

As the leading organizations involved in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings, we applaud your continued efforts to improve our nation's buildings. We are particularly pleased to support your "Federal Buildings Personnel Training Act of 2010."

As you know, Congress and the President have established stringent goals for Federal agencies to achieve reductions in energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. Agencies also have additional needs related to other high-performance building attributes, including safety and security. Achieving these goals requires personnel engaged in the design, construction, operation and maintenance of federal buildings to have the appropriate skills and training. Your bill will provide federal agencies with these necessary tools.

Federal agencies have long been looked to as an example of what can be done within the built environment. As the nation's largest holder of real estate, the federal government has the opportunity and resources to influence the development and implementation of building design, construction, operations and maintenance tools, technologies and practices. Federal buildings should serve as public showcases and leading examples of energy efficiency and indoor environmental quality (IEQ) through their design, construction, equipment, and operations and maintenance.

As both public and private sector buildings become increasingly complex to meet our nation's energy and environmental goals, personnel with the necessary competencies will be critical to achieving these goals. The undersigned organizations representing the breadth of the building community including building professionals, manufacturers, and small businesses, are pleased to support this legislation and are poised to provide the necessary training to achieve both public and private sector goals.

We look forward to continued work with you and other members of the caucus in realizing the full potential of high-performance buildings.

Sincerely,

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)  
International Facility Management Association (IFMA)  
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)

Federation of American Scientists (FAS)  
U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)  
National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS)  
International Code Council (ICC)  
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA)  
American Institute of Architects (AIA)  
International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)  
Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance (SPFA)  
United Association—Union of Plumbers, Fitters, Welders and HVAC Service Techs  
Green Mechanical Council  
The Stella Group, Ltd.  
Association for Facilities Engineering (AFE)  
Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA)  
National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE)  
BuildingInsight, LLC  
American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)  
Green Building Initiative (GBI)  
Ecobuild America/AEC Science & Technology, LLC  
American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)  
Air-conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI)  
National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA)  
National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC)  
Center for Environmental Innovation in Roofing (CEIR)  
International Code Council (ICC)  
The Radiant Panel Association  
Carbon Monoxide Safety Association (COSA)  
Educational Standards Corporation Institute (ESCO Institute)  
HVAC Excellence  
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Association (AC&R)