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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
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The Honorable Rob Portman
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Shaheen and Senator Portman:

The Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC) strongly supports your efforts to advance important energy efficiency measures. The Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2011 (S.1000) demonstrates that bipartisan collaboration remains alive and well in the development of energy policy. The legislation comprises a number of initiatives with substantial benefits for our nation's economy and environment.

Using energy more efficiently ensures that Americans get more for less. In other words, for a given input of energy, consumers receive more services and industry produces more products. Many of the provisions in the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act of 2011 would reduce costs for businesses and consumers, bolster U.S. competitiveness, reduce environmental degradation, and create jobs.

The Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act addresses energy consumption challenges across the residential, industrial, and commercial sectors. The legislation incorporates several provisions that have previously received bipartisan support. The BPC commends you for identifying obstacles to the deployment of energy efficiency measures and for developing a number of practical solutions. We continue to believe that a balanced and bipartisan package of measures that increases U.S. energy supplies and ensures the efficient use of these valuable resources is the key to a more secure and prosperous future. The BPC applauds your bipartisan efforts to increase energy efficiency in the United States, and looks forward to continue to work with you to make energy efficiency a reality.

Sincerely,



General (ret.) Jim Jones
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