U.S. Industry and Energy Efficiency Advocates
Support FY'27 Appropriations for Energy Star to US-DOE

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The Hon. Chuck Fleischmann
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy
& Water Development
U.S. House Appropriations Committee

The Hon. John Kennedy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy
& Water Development
U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee

The Hon. Marcy Kaptur
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy
& Water Development
U.S. House Appropriations Committee

The Hon. Patty Murray
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy
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U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee

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U.S. House Appropriations Committee

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U.S. House Appropriations Committee

The Hon. Jeff Merkley
Ranking Member
Subcomm. on Interior and Environment
U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee

Dear Chairs and Ranking Members:

On behalf of the consumer products, manufacturing, real estate, retail, technology, and conformity assessment sectors, as well as energy efficiency advocates, the undersigned organizations urge your committees to continue directed FY'27 appropriations for the Energy Star program. We write specifically to request that Energy Star program dollars for FY'27 be provided ***to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)***.

DOE and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are implementing a plan to transition Energy Star ("Transition Plan") – from EPA to DOE. (DOE website | EPA website). The Transition Plan was released on August 28, 2026. The specific office in DOE charged with implementing Energy Star going forward is the Office of Critical Minerals and Energy Innovation (CMEI). (March 2026 Memorandum of Agreement ["MOA"] between EPA and DOE).

Before the Transition Plan's release in late August, on June 3, 2026, the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee approved FY'27 funding to EPA for Energy Star. (H.R. 9171|House Committee Report). The full House has yet to act on the measure. The Senate Appropriations Committee has taken no action to date on Energy Star FY'27 funding.

Because DOE will hereafter assume primary responsibility for Energy Star's implementation under the MOA, we request Congress to align federal funding with responsibilities as allocated by the agencies. Thus, we request FY'27 Energy Star funds be appropriated directly to DOE. Doing so would

strengthen congressional oversight, ensure that expenditures reflect DOE's lead implementation role, and stabilize the program's continuity during the transition period.

We urge that FY'27 funding in the Energy & Water Development measure incorporate the same language approved earlier this year by House appropriators for Interior & Environment funding:

- Bill text (page 85): "[N]ot less than $33,024,000 shall be for carrying out the Energy Star program pursuant to section 324(c) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6294(a)(c))"

- Report language (page 65): "The bill provides not less than $33,024,000 for the Energy Star program as described in Section 324(c) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6294a(c). The Committee expects the Agency to provide regular updates regarding the Memorandum of Agreement."

Our recommended approach for FY'27 tracks the FY'26 appropriations law enacted this past January – where Congress specifically directed current fiscal year funds to Energy Star.[1]

The Energy Star public-private partnership drives the critical bipartisan objective of energy affordability. "Since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners have helped American families and businesses save more than $500 billion in energy costs." In 2020 alone, Energy Star saved the equivalent of approximately 47 million homes' energy use for a year. Considering the $33 million appropriated for Energy Star in the very text of the FY'26 spending bill, taxpayers receive a tremendous return on their investment for this program.

Reducing energy costs and protecting energy choices for American families and businesses are central priorities. Lowering costs through efficiency also supports broader competitiveness goals including strengthening national defense and ensuring U.S. energy dominance. Energy Star is the federal government's primary voluntary program for delivering real cost savings on energy bills.

Thank you for considering our request for Energy Star's FY'27 funding – to DOE.

Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute
Alliance to Save Energy
American Bakers Association
American Cement Association
American Chemistry Council
American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE)
American Gas Association

[1] H.R. 6938 (at p. 122) explicitly directed $33 million to run ENERGY STAR through September 30, 2026. The Senate's report language (at p. 98) for the FY'26 measure stated: "The Committee recognizes the value of and continues to support the Energy Star program … Therefore, the agency is directed to report to the Committee not later than 30 days after the enactment of this act on the future of Energy Star."

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American Lighting Association
ASHRAE
Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers
Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International
Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE)
California Business Properties Association
Cellulose Insulation Manufacturers Association
Commercial Real Estate Development Association
Consumer Technology Association
EPS Industry Alliance
Green Building Initiative
Home Innovation Research Labs
ICSC
Illuminating Engineering Society
Institute for Market Transformation
Leading Builders of America
Nareit
National Apartment Association
National Association of Electrical Distributors (NAED)
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of State Energy Officials
National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)
National Insulation Association
North American Insulation Manufacturers Association
National Multifamily Housing Council
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association
Pool & Hot Tub Alliance (PHTA)
Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY)
Spray Foam Coalition
Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance
Structural Insulated Panel Association
TIC Council
The Real Estate Roundtable
U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

Cc: The Hon. Susan Collins, Chair, U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee
The Hon. Patty Murray, Vice Chair, U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee
The Hon. Tom Cole, Chair, U.S. House Appropriations Committee
The Hon. Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member, U.S. House Appropriations Committee
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