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The Honorable John Hoeven
U.S. Senate
338 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Senators Hoeven and Manchin:

We, the undersigned organizations, write in support of S. 3295, the “All-of-the-Above Federal Building Energy Conservation Act of 2018.” This legislation would bring about much needed reform to federal energy policy and we commend your efforts.

The federal government is the largest energy consumer in the nation. U.S. taxpayers spend \$6 billion a year on energy for buildings alone. Yet the federal government does not currently have requirements to improve the efficiency of federal facilities – a gap in policy that results in higher energy costs and more government spending. S. 3295 takes concrete steps towards sensible energy management requirements that will also save taxpayer dollars. This legislation would:

- Enhance energy intensity reductions and encourage the use of up-to-date energy management systems.
- Allow flexibility in energy audits and commissioning, and strengthen federal commissioning directives.
- Require energy managers to implement energy efficiency measures recommended in energy audits, should they be found cost-effective.

These efficiency measures would be paired with a repeal of Section 433 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which instituted a phaseout of fossil fuel use in federal buildings – culminating in the prohibition of all fossil fuel use (including fossil fuels used for electric generation) by 2030. This measure is nearly impossible to implement, causing uncertainty for energy providers and federal facilities while inhibiting long-term innovation and growth, all at a significant cost to taxpayers. Furthermore, the fossil fuel ban actually works against increased energy efficiency by discouraging and preventing the adoption of high-efficiency technologies such as combined heat and power systems.

We believe this legislation is a step forward towards a cohesive and functional federal energy efficiency policy that not only works for the federal government, but also does not waste taxpayer dollars. This legislation would ensure that energy managers for federal buildings have the flexibility to achieve maximum efficiency goals and to realize actual energy savings.

We applaud your efforts and thank you for your continued focus on enhancing energy efficiency.

Sincerely,

American Public Gas Association

American Gas Association

Alliance to Save Energy

American Public Power Association

Edison Electric Institute

Energy Systems Group

Federal Performance Contracting Coalition

Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association

National Rural Electric Cooperatives Association

Ohio Fuel Cell Coalition