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Home Performance Advocacy

The Home Performance Coalition is the leading advocate for home performance in Washington, DC. We remain closely engaged with key decision makers in the Administration and Congress to educate them on the importance of home performance, the obstacles facing the home performance industry, and the policies that can break down barriers and advance home performance across the country. HPC's advocacy activities include the following policy area and legislation:

Home Performance Incentives

Providing incentives for home performance retrofits remains an important driver for home performance market growth. Performance-based incentives are technology neutral, align financial investment with the public good achieved, push industry and markets to innovate, and keep pace with changes in technology and market adoption. Whether in the form of a rebate or tax credit, an incentive for a home performance retrofits encourages contractors and homeowners to choose the best energy performing solutions for an individual home to save money, create jobs, and protect the environment.

- 113th Congress (incentive): Energy Efficiency Tax Incentives Act (S.2189)
 - Sponsors: Senators Cardin (D-MD), Feinstein (D-CA), and Schatz (D-HI)
 - Purpose: To extend and update energy efficiency tax incentives and create a new performance-based credit, 25E, for residential energy efficiency improvements that increase the efficiency of a home by at least 20%. Would provide \$2000 per home renovation, but would increase \$500 for every 5% in additional energy efficiency improvement achieved, with a cap of \$5000 for a home renovation that increases efficiency 50% or more.
- 114th Congress (rebate): The Home Owner Managing Energy Savings (HOMES) Act (HR 2073)
 - Sponsors: Reps. McKinley (R-WV), Welch (D-VT)
 - Purpose: To provide homeowners with rebates to help cover the cost of an efficiency upgrade, with rebates based on energy savings as opposed to product/measure installed.
- 114th Congress (financing): Residential Energy Savings Act (S.878)
 - Sponsored by Senators Sanders (I-VT), Cantwell (D-WA), Wyden (D-OR), King (I-ME), Whitehouse (D-RI), Markey (D-MA) and Franken (D-MN)
 - Purpose: To authorize loans to states that, in turn, would provide residential loans for energy efficiency upgrades.
- 114th Congress (grant program): The Residential Energy Efficiency Valuation Act (REEVA)
 - Championed by Senator Shaheen (D-NH), but not yet introduced.
 - Purpose: To establish a short-term grant program designed to help States fund pilot programs that provide incentives based on measured energy savings from energy efficiency upgrades of residential buildings.