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:

Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2016
The Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2016 represents the first real chance of enacting comprehensive energy reform since 2007. The bill includes an entire title on energy efficiency, which includes reauthorization of the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and the State Energy Program (SEP), updated building codes, additional assistance to states in the development and implementation of building codes, and a number of other measures to increase energy efficiency across a variety of sectors. The final Senate bill also includes a modified version of the SAVE Act requiring FHA to consider expected energy costs/projected energy efficiency when underwriting mortgages.

The House version of the bill does not include many of the positive energy efficiency measures included in the Senate bill, and has language that would actually weaken building codes by restricting DOE’s assistance to states and local governments.

Status: both the House and Senate have voted to proceed to conference and have appointed conferees. Conferees are expected to begin formal conversations this Fall.