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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:

Data Access

HPC has been working to advance the dialogue about the role of smart grid and home energy management technologies in home performance. As smart grid technology advances to gather data that can be used to meter and measure energy efficiency, new methodologies emerge to support policy to advance home performance.

HPC supports establishing a right for consumers to have access to their own data that has been created in the electricity system, including direct access to the meter. Homeowners should be allowed to designate a third party to access the data on their behalf, which can then use that data to help them become more energy efficient. HPC also supports revitalized Administration efforts to advance not only Green Button but more importantly Green Button Connect (see descriptions below), currently only offered by a handful of utilities but needed by consumers across the country.

- Congress
 - 114th – Access to Consumer Energy Information Act or E-Access Act or “eAccess” (S.1044, H.R. 1980) would call on DOE to support and encourage the adoption of policies that allow consumers access to their electricity data through the creation of voluntary guidelines.
 - 112th - The Electric Consumer Right to Know Act or “eKNOW” (S.1029) would have explicitly established a right for consumers to access their own utility data and designate third party access.
- Administration
 - Green Button – an industry-led effort that responds to a White House call-to-action to provide utility customers with easy and secure access to their energy usage information in a consumer-friendly and computer-friendly format. Customers are able to securely download their own detailed energy usage from electric utilities' websites. To date, a total over 50 utilities and electricity suppliers have signed on to the initiative.
 - Green Button “Connect to My Data” – building upon the original Green Button, allows customers to grant third party access to their Green Button data.
- States
 - Relevant state actions include policies to promote access to energy use data (including by a third party), PUC orders to allow open access to energy use data, implementation by utilities of Green Button and Green Button Connect My Data, and others.
 - California, Texas, New Hampshire, Maryland, and Oklahoma are on the forefront of data access policies.