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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:

SAVE Act

Energy efficiency is often invisible and thus difficult to value in a home sales transaction. Including expected energy costs in the determination of home value and affordability would greatly improve the accuracy of mortgage underwriting and accelerate the supply and demand for energy efficient homes.

- 113th Congress - The Sensible Accounting to Value Energy (SAVE) Act (H.R. 4615 and S. 1106)
 - Introduced by Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO)
 - Purpose: To require all federal lenders to consider expected energy costs/projected energy efficiency when underwriting mortgages. This would help to provide lower rate mortgage financing for cost-effective energy improvements and enable better federal mortgage underwriting while lowering utility bills for American households.
- 114th Congress - The Energy Policy Modernization Act of 2015 (S.2012)
 - A modified version of the original SAVE Act was added as an amendment to S.2012, which passed the Senate in April 2016. The House and Senate plan to go to conference on the bill in the Fall/Winter of 2016.
 - The modification limits the legislation to only cover homes that are insured by FHA. FHA currently insures nearly 5 million single family homes.