August 17, 2017

Senator Cory Gardner
721 19th Street, Suite 150
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Senator Gardner:

The Energy Efficiency Business Coalition (EEBC), formed in 2007, is Colorado’s leader in energy efficiency policy development and implementation with a focus on increasing the business potential of the energy efficiency industry in the State. With a keen awareness of the stakeholders involved and a broad group of members of the energy efficiency industry, EEBC envisions Colorado as a leader in energy efficiency. EEBC’s mission supports this vision by:

- Supporting and growing strong energy efficiency programs for businesses;
- Upholding excellent standards for safety, quality and professionalism; and
- Facilitating collaboration between actors in the energy efficiency industry.

We, the undersigned local and national businesses which are members of the Energy Efficiency Business Coalition of Colorado, are writing today to express our concerns with the substantial proposed reductions in federal energy efficiency program funding in President Trump’s FY 2018 federal budget request as well as in the House’s appropriations bills. The Senate’s proposed energy efficiency funding appears to be much closer to FY 2017 levels (we have not seen the Senate budget for EPA yet), but we are still concerned about how the final budget will be resolved. We feel that any abrupt and significant cuts to federal energy efficiency program funding would have detrimental impacts on Colorado’s economy, clean air, and clean energy goals.

According to the U.S. DOE, energy efficiency provides 29,800 jobs in Colorado (nearly 35,000 if you include smart grid technologies). These include the types of jobs supported by many of our member companies, selling energy-efficient products and services to help other Colorado businesses and consumers save energy and money. DOE energy efficiency and EPA ENERGY STAR programs help support these jobs and contribute to Colorado’s currently thriving economy. DOE’s Advanced Manufacturing Office (AMO) and Building Technologies Office (BTO) fund research and development of new energy-efficient technologies, which have supported the start-ups of several successful Colorado businesses. AMO and BTO also manage programs that directly help Colorado businesses and homes save $490 million annually. ENERGY STAR programs also add many jobs and contribute to cost savings by CO businesses and homeowners through labeling of energy-efficient appliances, equipment, and buildings.
Colorado is recognized as a clean energy leader and innovation hub. Colorado businesses continue to leverage DOE and EPA energy efficiency programs to help create jobs and produce energy cost savings. As the U.S. Congress continues its FY 18 appropriations process, we ask you to work with your Senate colleagues to maintain FY 2017 levels of funding (or as close as possible) for DOE and EPA energy efficiency programs. Substantial reductions in funding to these important programs will stall the innovation, jobs, and cost savings that have been so helpful to Colorado’s economy and clean energy leadership.

Thank you for listening to our concerns and for being a partner for Colorado’s clean energy industry. Please contact Lauren Poole at the Energy Efficiency Business Coalition of Colorado at 720-274-9764 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Lauren Poole
Executive Director
Energy Efficiency Business Coalition

CC: Senator Michael Bennet

EEBC Membership

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Ace Mechanical Equipment, Inc.
AeroSeal of Colorado, LLC
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Alpine Geothermal Drilling
Ambient Energy
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Beck Architects
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Colorado Home Efficiency Consultants
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Comfort By Nature
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Cypress LTD
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Denver WinAir
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DMA Engineering
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Earth Energy Solutions
Earth Source Geo LLC
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Eaton Energy Solutions, Inc.
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EcoSmart Homes, Inc.
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Energy Efficiency Solutions
Energy Environmental Corporation
Energy Outreach Colorado
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Energy Solutions
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EnergyWorks
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Lightly Treading, Inc.
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M.E. Group
Major Geothermal
Major Heating & Air Conditioning & Geothermal
Major Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.
Marx|Obuko
McBride Lighting
Mitsubishi Electric - HVAC
MKK Consulting Engineers
Mountain Air Comfort Systems
NREL
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Parker Heating and Air
Pasterkamp Heating and Air Conditioning
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Perfect Temp Geothermal
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