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Chairman David Obey  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-218 U.S. Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Ranking Member Jerry Lewis  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1016 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: DOE Energy Efficient Building Systems Hub

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

As you consider appropriations for the Department of Energy that will impact the energy use associated with buildings, the members of the High-Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition (HPBCCC) indicated below, strongly encourage providing funding for the implementation of an innovation hub for energy efficient building systems.

High-performance buildings, which address human, environmental, economic and total societal impact, are the result of the application of the highest level design, construction, operation and maintenance principles—a paradigm change for the built environment. The U.S. should continue to improve the features of new buildings, and adapt and maintain existing buildings, to changing balances in our needs and responsibilities for health, safety, energy efficiency and usability by all segments of society.

Within the private sector, we have made considerable gains toward the design and construction of energy efficient buildings and equipment. In further pursuit of the nation's energy goals and to fully realize the results of private sector innovation, we look forward to working with you and the Department of Energy to establish public-private partnership programs (including the Energy Efficient Building Systems Hub) to effectively develop and implement energy savings technologies and practices.

The High-Performance Building Congressional Caucus Coalition (HPBCCC) is a private sector coalition of leading organizations from the building community formed to provide guidance and support to the High-Performance Building Caucus of the U.S. Congress. The High-Performance



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Building Caucus of the U.S. Congress was formed to heighten awareness and inform policymakers about the major impact buildings have on our health, safety and welfare and the opportunities to design, construct and operate high-performance buildings that reflect our concern for these impacts. Fundamental to these concerns include protecting life and property, developing novel building technologies, facilitating and enhancing U.S. economic competitiveness, increasing energy efficiency in the built-environment, assuring buildings have minimal climate change impacts and are able to respond to changes in the environment, and supporting the development of private sector standards, codes and guidelines that address these concerns.

Sincerely,

American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)  
Glass Association of North America (GANA)  
AEC Science & Technology  
National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)  
National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS)  
The Carpet and Rug Institute  
American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)  
International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO)  
Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors-National Association (PHCC)  
U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)  
International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)  
National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC)  
Green Building Initiative (GBI)  
American Institute of Architects (AIA)  
Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)  
Portland Cement Association (PCA)  
International Code Council (ICC)  
Architecture 2030  
Center for Environmental Innovation in Roofing  
Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA)  
Green Builder Media  
International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD)  
Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA)  
Alliance to Save Energy (ASE)  
Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance (SPFA)  
Green Mechanical Council