



National Association of
State Energy Officials

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The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Energy
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bobby Rush
Ranking Member
Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Energy
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Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Rush:

On behalf of the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO), we offer our strong support of the *Enhancing State Energy Security Planning and Emergency Preparedness Act of 2017* (H.R. 3050). The 56, governor-designated State and Territory Energy Offices have a history of supporting their governors’ efforts to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the impacts of energy emergencies. The goals and provisions of the act, including strengthening the required state energy security plan under the U.S. State Energy Program, prioritization of energy emergency preparedness, and the emphasis on taking an “all hazards” and “all fuels” approach – addressing electricity, petroleum products, natural gas, propane, coal, and other fuels – reflects the best practices NASEO’s members have advanced in this critical national energy security area.

Of equal importance is the reauthorization of appropriations for the U.S. State Energy Program (SEP). NASEO strongly supports the \$90 million contained in H.R. 3050. The states’ history of wisely using and leveraging SEP funds to support both the energy priorities of their governors and the national energy goals established by Congress is well documented.

We greatly appreciate your leadership in advancing the critical national energy security issues addressed in H.R. 3050, and we look forward to working with you in the coming weeks as the act progresses.

Best regards,



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