



May 13, 2013

The Honorable Anna Eshoo
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Washington, DC 25015

The Honorable Mike Rogers
2112 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo and Congressman Rogers:

On behalf of the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) I am writing to commend you on the introduction of the Energy Efficient Government Technology Act, H.R. 540. In this time of tight budgets and fiscal constraint BCSE applauds you for your effort to move forward with legislation that will save the federal government both energy and money through the use of energy efficient and energy reduction technologies in federal data centers.

The Business Council for Sustainable Energy is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and also includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public power and commercial end-users. Founded in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. The coalition's diverse business membership is united around the revitalization of the economy and the creation of a secure and reliable energy future for America.

As evidenced in the report *Sustainable Energy in America Factbook 2013*, which was recently released by the Business Council for Sustainable Energy and Bloomberg New Energy Finance, affordable, homegrown and clean energy sources are powering the U.S. economy with jobs and investment, and are promoting the security and diversity of our energy supply. The BCSE-BNEF report shows that between 2007 and 2012 energy demand in the United States fell 6.4% while over the same time period GDP grew at a modest 3.0%. The market analysts at Bloomberg New Energy Finance attribute the reduction in energy use largely to the deployment of energy efficiency technologies. This data shows that the U.S. can have economic growth while using energy more efficiently. Materials regarding the *Factbook* are attached for your reference and a complete copy can be found at www.bcse.org/sustainableenergyfactbook.html.

BCSE believes that through legislation such as the Energy Efficient Government Technology Act the U.S. government can do its job better, at less cost to the U.S. taxpayer, and can set an example for private businesses across the U.S.

BCSE appreciates your leadership in making energy efficient strategies and practices a priority for the federal government, and we look forward to working with you to move the legislation forward.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jacobson, President
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