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The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

ASHRAE would like to affirm our support for the attached letter sent from the Energy Efficiency Strategy Group (EESG), of which ASHRAE is a member, urging enactment of the changes to the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) included in H.R. 7947 the Weatherization Enhancement and Readiness Act, and S.3769, its companion bill. We agree with the EESG position that “the legislation is needed to meet the dual promise of the initiative - development of a more diverse energy performance workforce and improvements in the quality, comfort, and affordability of many homes of the most vulnerable Americans.”

The Weatherization program received significant funding in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act; however its effectiveness is limited by the cap on average per home expenditures. Agencies responsible for implementing the WAP are not able to offer competitive wages to meet the growing workforce demand. To address rising labor and materials costs, H.R. 7947 would both increase the current \$6,500 per dwelling unit limit to \$12,000 for labor and weatherization materials, in addition to eliminating the \$3,000 per dwelling unit cap on labor and weatherization materials for renewable energy systems.

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Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication, and if there are any opportunities for ASHRAE to assist in policy development or other technical issues, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or have your staff contact GovAffairs@ashrae.org.

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Enclosure: *EESG Coalition Letter to Chm Pallone re WAP 11-18-22.pdf*