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Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Rush:

We are delighted by the bipartisan leadership of Representatives Kinzinger, McKinley, Tonko, and Welch in introducing the **CHP Support Act** (HR 6949) to authorize Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Technical Assistance Partnerships (TAPs). We are writing to you on behalf of the Alliance for Industrial Efficiency, Alliance to Save Energy (ASE), American Chemistry Council (ACC), and the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) to urge you to schedule a hearing this fall to discuss this important, timely and non-controversial legislation, which would provide continued authorization of the CHP TAPs along with adequate funding to support related activities at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

The CHP TAPs and related activities at DOE encourage the use of technologies that reduce energy use, save consumers money, increase economic competitiveness, enhance electric reliability, and reduce emissions at the nation's hospitals, universities, and manufacturing sites. We urge members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to further these important national priorities by scheduling a hearing to shine a spotlight on this valuable program.

The TAPs and supporting activities at DOE have long received bipartisan support and continued funding since 2001. Unfortunately, the underlying authorization for this program was inadvertently allowed to expire in 2012. The CHP Support Act reauthorizes the program for five years, at \$12,000,000 for each fiscal year to ensure its continued operation and effectiveness in the years ahead. This is consistent with current levels of funding for these activities.

Since their inception, the CHP TAPs have educated potential end users and the public about the benefits of CHP and waste heat to power (WHP), encouraging greater use of these economically and environmentally beneficial technologies. This national network identifies markets for CHP and WHP, offers education and outreach about CHP and WHP potential, and provides technical assistance to end users to help determine if these technologies are a good fit for their facilities.

DOE has identified 149 gigawatts of remaining technical potential for CHP in the United States – the energy equivalent of nearly 300 large conventional power plants. The CHP TAPs and the complementary activities at DOE are helping realize this tremendous potential, enhancing manufacturing competitiveness and encouraging job creation in the design, construction, installation, and maintenance of CHP and WHP equipment.

The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency, Alliance to Save Energy, American Chemistry Council, and ACEEE urge the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to continue its long-standing support for the CHP TAPs by scheduling a hearing on the CHP Support Act (HR 6949). Such a hearing would explore the benefits of CHP and WHP, assess the opportunity for increased deployment, and recognize the valuable role played by the CHP TAPs and related activities at DOE in realizing this potential.

Sincerely,



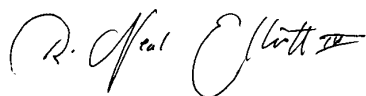
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