



September 12, 2019

The Honorable Angus King
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Support Act

Dear Senators King and Collins,

The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency applauds the leadership you have shown by introducing the Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Support Act of 2019 (S. 2425).

CHP and waste heat to power (WHP) systems are a proven and effective means for reducing energy use. What's more, because these systems can operate independently of the grid, they help their hosts keep the lights and heat on during natural or manmade disasters. CHP already provides 8.5% of U.S. power generation, but the potential is far greater.

The CHP Support Act would help unleash the potential of CHP and WHP systems by reauthorizing funding for a network of ten Technical Assistance Partnerships (TAPs) for five years. TAPs provide CHP and WHP education to potential system hosts so that they can learn more about the technology and determine if it's the right fit for their business. TAPs also provide screening assessments and guidance to sites interested in CHP and WHP before, during, and after installment. These programs help to ensure system hosts will have a successful transition to their new power source by helping them to overcome hurdles, such as choosing the correct system and identifying incentives to help with financing projects.

Reauthorizing this important program would help manufacturers, universities, hospitals, and other institutions deploy this proven technology to save consumers money, increase economic competitiveness, strengthen our nation's energy security, and reduce harmful emissions.

We commend you for your continued leadership in this area and encourage others to support this important proposal.

Sincerely,

David Gardiner, Executive Director
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