August 8, 2013

The Honorable Chris Coons  
SR 127A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.  20510-0805

The Honorable Susan M. Collins  
SD-413 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.  20510-1904

The Honorable Jack Reed  
SH-728 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.  20510-3903

Re: Reauthorization of the Weatherization Assistance Program and the State Energy Program

Dear Senators’ Collins, Coons and Reed:

The undersigned organizations wanted to take this opportunity to endorse the revised version of S. 1213, the “Weatherization Enhancement and Local Energy Efficiency Investment and Accountability Act.” We worked together in a collaborative manner with your respective staffs to develop some changes to the bill that recognizes the evolution in the Weatherization Assistance Program, while preserving the key, core functions.

The legislation would reauthorize both the Weatherization Assistance Program and the State Energy Program for five years. The legislation would also preserve the existing Weatherization network and provide opportunities for other organizations, such as volunteer organizations, to participate in a competitive innovation fund. The legislation would also push for high standards in the delivery of Weatherization services.

You have always been supporters of these energy efficiency programs that help real people, especially those in need. Your continued support is deeply appreciated. We heartily endorse your legislation and we look forward to working towards the bill’s passage in both the House and Senate.

Sincerely,

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