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The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**Key Vote**

Dear Speaker Ryan:

On behalf of the more than 140,000 members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), I am writing to express our strong support for the *North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015* (H.R. 8). Of particular importance to NAHB is a provision that seeks to improve the energy efficiency of buildings, while also ensuring that new energy code requirements are fair, product-neutral and cost-effective. Because of the critical nature of this legislation, **NAHB is designating support for H.R. 8 as a KEY VOTE.**

Energy codes establish the energy efficiency requirements for new homes. Over the last few years, these codes have become very expensive and prescriptive, favoring certain products and technologies. H.R. 8 will improve the manner by which these codes are developed, increasing transparency and guaranteeing an open and fair process, while not jeopardizing housing affordability.

For these reasons, **NAHB urges you to support H.R. 8 and vote against any weakening amendments.**

Thank you for your consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James W. Tobin III', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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