



November 30, 2015

Chairman Fred Upton  
House Energy & Commerce Committee  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**PMI Board of Directors**

Dear Chairman Upton:

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Bradley Corporation

Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) strongly supports the Energy and Commerce Committee’s comprehensive energy bill, the *North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015* (H.R. 8), which will be considered by the full House of Representatives.

Under this measure, the voluntary WaterSense partnership program would be formally authorized. WaterSense is broadly supported by manufacturers, retailers, trade associations and local/state governments. It has grown to include over 1,600 partners, including PMI and many of our member companies. The stakeholders work collaboratively to promote the value of water efficiency, including water-efficient plumbing products and practices. WaterSense offers a simple way for consumers to identify water-efficient plumbing products. Plumbing products that have earned the WaterSense label have been certified to be at least 20 percent more efficient than the current federal level, without sacrificing performance and have been verified by an independent, third party certification laboratory. Installing water-efficient plumbing products is an immediate action that can be taken to save water, as well as reduce strain on water resources, energy and infrastructure.

PMI is the nation’s leading industry association of plumbing products. Our members produce 90% of the plumbing products sold in the U.S., operate facilities in over 20 states, and invest millions of dollars in research and development each year.

We applaud your leadership on these important issues and support the swift passage of the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015.

Sincerely,

Barbara C. Higgens  
CEO/Executive Director  
Plumbing Manufacturers International

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