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The Honorable Adam Kinzinger
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The Honorable Jerry McNerney
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Dear Representatives Kinzinger and McNerney,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we commend your work on H.R. 4801. This bill represents a tremendous step forward in advancing energy efficiency by compelling federal agencies to identify cost-effective opportunities to use less energy and water. More specifically, H.R. 4801 calls for the Department of Energy to report on the impact and savings potential of improved thermal insulation systems in federal buildings. Undoubtedly, the results of such a study would be far reaching while empowering the federal government to conserve both natural and financial resources. As organizations vested in energy & water conservation and the advancement of technology, we applaud your efforts on this front.

Vast amounts of energy, water, and money are needlessly wasted every day by current heating and cooling techniques. The increased use of thermal insulation in federal buildings would provide a simple and actionable strategy to reduce energy use and cut unnecessary costs, consequently, achieving tangible energy efficient results. Additionally, improved insulation measures would have an immense impact on the U.S. economy as a whole, including significant savings for taxpayers, tens of thousands of new jobs, and a considerable reduction in harmful carbon emissions.

As the single largest consumer of energy in the country, the federal government should do its best to conserve resources and cut spending wherever possible. H.R. 4801 provides a clear mechanism for this to be achieved and is another step towards a viable energy strategy for the future.

Thank you again for all of your work and introducing H.R. 4801. We support this legislation and look forward to working with you to ensure its passage. For further questions, please contact

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Sincerely,

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