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PHCC Statement in Support of The Energy Choice Act

The Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association (PHCC) is the premier building trades group serving plumbing and HVAC contractors for over 140 years. Our membership includes over 3,000 open shop and signatory contractors in both the residential and commercial sectors, employing over 65,000 professionals across the United States.

PHCC continues to observe with great concern policy trends across the country where state and local governments are severely restricting or prohibiting the use of natural gas utility connections and appliances in residential households and new construction in a forced effort to electrify the built environment. While PHCC recognizes the need to reduce carbon emissions, these policies increase the costs and burdens of home ownership; put plumbers, pipefitters and HVAC contractors and their employees out of work; and deprive Americans of options for home heating and comfort that best suit their needs. Furthermore, such policies do not take into consideration the substantial increase in electricity needed to provide energy to the built environment that would otherwise have been provided by dependable sources of energy such as gas, oil and propane, thereby putting further strain on an energy grid that is already beyond capacity.

Home electrification comes with considerable costs beyond the purchase of new appliances. Upgrades to electric panels are often required to accommodate increased load, in addition to improvements to the building envelope such as new insulation, windows, doors, siding and roofing to ensure electric HVAC appliances work at peak efficiency. These upgrades will cost homeowners each a tidy five-figure sum which many will struggle to afford without drawing from their savings, financing through unsecured lines of credit, borrowing against home equity, or relying on taxpayer dollars through government-sponsored rebate programs and other publicly-funded incentives.

The refusal of certain state and local governments to consider policies that provide a more sustainable transition to a less carbon-intensive future, coupled with the economic burdens placed on the American people through bans on fossil fuel heating sources, necessitates federal preemption to ensure homeowners can continue to afford living in their homes while having robust options for maintaining home comfort. The Energy Choice Act provides that recourse and PHCC supports its immediate passage.

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