



Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA) Modernization

WHAT ARE WE ASKING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO DO?

As Congress works to modernize the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, our industry urges lawmakers to recognize that a strong federal preemption framework is vital to preserving a unified, nationwide energy policy.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR OUR INDUSTRY?

PHCC urges Congress to uphold a single, consistent framework that guarantees safe, reliable, and affordable access to critical HVAC and water heating equipment. A patchwork of state-by-state regulations risks creating confusion, slowing innovation, and ultimately driving up costs for consumers.

MORE DETAIL

To ensure long-term regulatory stability and protect manufacturers, distributors, contractors and the families and businesses they serve, ASA/PHCC recommends that Congress take the following actions to reinforce predictability:

- **Reinforce federal preemption of appliance efficiency standards** to prohibit state and local governments from directly or indirectly restricting or prohibiting products based on energy source.
- **Maintain anti-backsliding provisions** to give industry and customers the certainty they need to plan, invest, and operate confidently.
- **Protect long-term capital investments** by ensuring that previously approved technologies and systems are not rendered obsolete by sudden regulatory shifts.
- **Establish a minimum 10-year “lookback” period** for evaluating standards, providing a stable planning horizon for industry and consumers alike.
- **Prevent the Department of Energy (DOE) from regulating component parts separately**, avoiding duplicative rules that increase costs without improving outcomes.
- **Require DOE to adhere to its own “Process Rule,”** ensuring transparency, consistency, and fairness in the development of future standards.

Together, these steps help secure a clear, predictable national policy that supports innovation, protects consumers, and strengthens America’s energy future.

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