

**AGENDA NOTE - HRPDC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**ITEM #12: HOME STAR ENERGY RETROFIT ACT OF 2010**

**SUBJECT:**

Congress is presently considering the Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Company Accountability Act of 2010 (S.3663). A subtitle of the Act is the Home Star Retrofit Act of 2010

**BACKGROUND:**

The Home Star Retrofit Act, as proposed, will establish a national program to encourage homeowners to invest in qualifying home energy-efficiency improvements. The legislation would provide for rebates directly to homeowners who install such improvements and is similar to the energy rebate program operated by the Commonwealth.

The Act would result in a program that is mutually supportive with ongoing local programs under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program and programs being conducted by the Green Jobs Alliance and previously endorsed by the HRPDC.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Authorize the Chairman to send the attached letter to the Hampton Roads Congressional Delegation requesting the members to actively support passage of the Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010.

Attachment



September 15, 2010

FORM LETTER–Senators Warner and Webb; Congressmen Scott, Forbes, Nye and Wittman

RE: Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010  
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Dear Senator/Congressman:

At its September 15, 2010 Executive Committee Meeting, the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission acted to urge that you support passage of the Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Company Accountability Act of 2010 (S. 3663), and in particular the subtitle, referred to as the Home Star Retrofit Act of 2010.

The Home Star Retrofit Act of 2010 provides for the creation of a national program to encourage investments in qualifying home energy efficiency improvements. The legislation is expected to create some 168,000 jobs by providing direct rebates to homeowners, thus incentivizing them to make these qualifying investments. Through the existing Energy Efficiency Block Grant Program, Hampton Roads localities have already begun to support the region's citizens in improving the efficiency of their residences and businesses. Through related Department of Energy programs, the Green Jobs Alliance has instituted energy efficiency retrofit programs on a pilot basis. The Home Star Retrofit Act of 2010 will provide for the institutionalization of such programs on a national basis and will have both positive impacts on the energy security of the nation and the economic recovery.

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission has previously advised you of its support for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program and is supportive of the various regional initiatives in this arena. Your support for the Home Star Retrofit Act of 2010 is important to the region. Thank you for your consideration of and support for this legislation.

Sincerely,

Bruce C. Goodson  
Chairman

JMC: