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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
U.S. House Minority Leader
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson and Minority Leader Jeffries:

I write on behalf of the National Energy & Fuels Institute (NEFI) in strong support of H.R. 4690, the Reliable Federal Infrastructure Act. We urge Congress to pass this commonsense legislation.

NEFI is a national trade association representing wholesale and retail distributors of delivered fuels, including home heating oil, kerosene, propane, off-road diesel fuel and other products, and full-service HVAC businesses. These mostly small, multi-generational family businesses deliver safe and reliable comfort to millions of American homes and businesses each year, support thousands of rewarding jobs, and are deeply invested in their local communities.

H.R. 4690 repeals Section 433 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which prohibits fossil fuel use in all new and renovated federal buildings by 2030, regardless of energy efficiency, cost-effectiveness, or operational reliability. In an era of growing concern over energy security, reliability, and affordability, federal policy should ensure that taxpayer dollars are used to deliver the most efficient and practical energy solution for each facility, not to impose prescriptive bans that limit the options available to building owners and managers.

Furthermore, meaningful emissions reductions can be achieved through pathways other than full electrification. Today's high-efficiency systems combined with renewable fuels such as Bioheat[®] Fuel, renewable diesel, and renewable propane provide a proven and readily deployable means of reducing emissions in existing heating systems and backup power equipment without requiring costly infrastructure replacement. Rigid, fuel-specific mandates foreclose these options and leave agencies with fewer tools to manage both costs and environmental performance.

By repealing Section 433, H.R. 4690 restores flexibility to the managers of federal buildings, allowing them to select the most appropriate, efficient, and resilient energy solutions for their individual facilities. This is sound policy and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

NEFI urges the House to pass H.R. 4690. Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

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