



YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

Advocating for America's Heating Fuel & Home Comfort Businesses

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NEFI's government affairs team advocates for America's heating fuel dealers and home comfort providers in Washington, DC and throughout the country. With your support, we are confronting challenges and seizing opportunities by reviewing legislation, meeting with policymakers, and building strategic coalitions. Our efforts ensure NEFI remains a leading voice for your business at the national level.



TOP 5 RECENT VICTORIES

1. Educated senior Trump Administration officials on top industry priorities
2. Reintroduced the national Energy Choice Act with expanded congressional backing
3. Supported efforts to delay or repeal federal and state electric truck mandates
4. Protected members' interests during tariff changes affecting fuels and equipment
5. Provided a comprehensive summary of the "One Big Beautiful Bill" to NEFI members



TOP 5 ONGOING ISSUES

1. Seeking additional consumer protections to prevent future electrification mandates
2. Defending fuel assistance (LIHEAP) from proposed budget cuts or termination
3. Opposing changes to the Renewable Fuels Standard that harm heating oil dealers
4. Investigating commercial EV safety concerns for hazardous materials transportation
5. Monitoring permitting reforms that could expand Northeast natural gas pipelines

IMAGINE WHAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WITH EVEN GREATER SUPPORT.

Membership dues are insufficient to meet the extraordinary costs of these efforts. Your generous contribution to the 2025 Advocacy Fund will ensure we can capitalize on new opportunities in today's political landscape to strengthen consumer choice, advance renewable fuels, and secure the long-term viability of America's heating fuel industry.





Victory



Ongoing Issue



Promoting Market Innovation and Consumer Choice



Convinced EPA not to impose unachievable efficiency standards or eliminate furnaces and boilers from the ENERGY STAR® program, thus preserving affordable heating options for millions of Americans.



Led a national coalition urging the new administration to roll back electrification mandates and subsidies, building on President Trump's early freeze of federal policies that threaten energy reliability and choice.



Advocating for reforms to the processes for setting appliance efficiency standards and energy building codes to prevent backdoor electrification mandates or bans on fuel-fired heating systems and appliances.



Defending the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) amidst calls for its termination. Worked with national energy and low-income advocacy groups to secure 1,400+ signatures in support of LIHEAP, and continuing advocacy efforts that have resulted in proposed funding *increases*.



Pragmatic Solutions for American Energy and Environmental Security



Successfully advocated for federal biofuel infrastructure grants (HBIIIP), including up to 75% cost-sharing for heating oil facilities, resulting in the release of \$537 million to accelerate renewable fuel adoption.



Secured renewable fuel compatibility requirements in ENERGY STAR® specifications for liquid-fuel fired systems.



Educating the new administration and Congress on the benefits of renewable liquid heating fuels as a cost-effective way to preserve consumer choice and enhance energy security and reliability.



Opposing proposed changes to the EPA's Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS) that could impose burdensome requirements on heating oil marketers blending biofuels, including arbitrary requirements and delivery ticket language.



Pushing for implementation of biofuel tax credits under the "One Big Beautiful Bill" to restore market certainty and ensure continued growth of renewable liquid heating fuels.



Advocating for Sensible Regulatory Policies



Achieved federal withdrawal of California's ACT waiver, adopted by ten states, that mandated electric truck purchases. NEFI attended the White House signing ceremony, celebrating a victory that will prevent dramatic cost increases for heating fuel dealers.



Protected members from harmful tariffs by educating the Trump administration on their implications for energy imports. Continuing to provide expert guidance to NEFI members through trade counsel, online webinars, and fact sheets.



Successfully advocated for the permanent extension of the 20% pass-through deduction and other small business tax breaks.



Working with industry partners to convince the Trump Administration to investigate safety risks of commercial EVs transporting hazardous materials, addressing critical concerns with fleet electrification utilizing unproven technology.



Advocating for reforms in forthcoming surface transportation reauthorization to reduce regulatory burdens and operating costs for fuel delivery operations, including endorsing the repeal the 12% federal excise tax on heavy trucks.



Education and Workforce Development



We continue to retain dedicated regulatory counsel with extensive expertise in CDL/HME licensing and compliance requirements, helping members navigate complex compliance requirements and keep drivers on the road.



Launched strategic partnership with the Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors (PHCC) National Association and National Propane Gas Association for continuing education programs to deliver direct member benefits.



Partnering with Jobs and Careers Coalition to reform apprenticeship programs, drive skills agenda on Capitol Hill, and elevate technical careers.



Evaluating the Essential Workers for Economic Advancement Act, a new visa program for qualified temporary trade workers, prioritizing the needs of small businesses while protecting American jobs and securing the border.



Supporting Our State and Regional Association Partners



Established the working group that drafted the landmark *Boston Resolution*, a clarion call for smarter government policies focused on energy affordability, reliability, and choice, which was ratified at the 7th Annual Industry Summit hosted by NEFI on August 22, 2025.



Supported reintroduction of the Energy Choice Act, which would prohibit state and local policies banning or limiting access to heating fuels and related infrastructure. The bill has bipartisan support and three times the number of cosponsors from the previous Congress. NEFI and its allies are working to get the bill to markup and floor consideration.



Monitoring permitting reform efforts that could lead to modification or repeal of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, which has allowed states to block natural gas pipeline construction. NEFI testified before the EPA and submitted comments that corrected misinformation and highlighted that today's ultra-low sulfur heating oil with renewable fuel blends rivals natural gas in cleanliness and efficiency.



Coordinating with states to further the goals of the *Boston Resolution* and educate consumers, policymakers, and the press on the extraordinary achievements of our industry and the pitfalls of mandated electrification in the face of unprecedented electricity costs and demand, especially in the age of artificial intelligence.