



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 and respected national voice for your business.



TOP 5 RECENT VICTORIES

1. Advanced national energy choice legislation with historic bipartisan support
2. Established a broad coalition to support permanent reforms to Jones Act shipping restrictions
3. Prevented the elimination of LIHEAP and secured a funding increase
4. Won regulatory victories that keep heating fuel eligible for federal biofuel incentives
5. Helped secure the highest biofuel volumes in the federal RFS program's 20-year history



TOP 5 ONGOING ISSUES

1. Educating policymakers on the costs associated with unworkable electrification mandates
2. Defending LIHEAP from renewed calls for its elimination in the fiscal year 2027 budget
3. Fighting a proposal to close the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve
4. Pushing DOT to act on safety concerns with EVs transporting hazardous materials
5. Working with trucking industry advocates to repeal the federal excise tax on trucks



IMAGINE WHAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WITH EVEN GREATER SUPPORT.



Beginning in 2026, membership dues will not be used to meet the extraordinary costs of these efforts. Your generous contribution to the 2026 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.








Promoting Market Innovation and Consumer Choice



-  Led a national coalition urging the Trump Administration to roll back electrification mandates and subsidies, building on the President's early freeze of federal policies that threaten energy reliability, affordability, and choice.
-  Saved LIHEAP from proposed elimination through direct advocacy, coalition work as a member of the National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition (NEUAC), and countless letters to Congress. NEFI helped preserve the program and secure a \$20 million funding increase.

-  Advocating for Senate passage of two NEFI-backed House bills, the Home Appliance Protection and Affordability Act (H.R. 4626), which curbs federal efforts to use efficiency standards as a backdoor electrification tool, and the Homeowner Energy Freedom Act (H.R. 4758), which repeals taxpayer-funded state rebates for residential electrification.
-  Defending LIHEAP yet again after the President called for the program's elimination in his fiscal year 2027 budget request. NEFI continues to work with coalition partners and congressional allies to ensure the program survives and is fully funded.






Pragmatic Solutions for American Energy and Environmental Security



-  Established a broad coalition calling for permanent reforms to the century-old Jones Act, which restricts domestic shipping of energy products. Citing the 60-day Jones Act waiver and ongoing global supply chain disruptions, NEFI and its allies are urging Congress to hold hearings, modernize vessel eligibility requirements, and establish permanent exemptions for energy and agricultural products.
-  The Trump EPA finalized an RFS rule with record-high biofuel volume obligations for 2026 and 2027, the highest in the program's 20-year history, which will bring renewed market certainty and is expected to expand biofuel production and supply in the near term.
-  Within the same rulemaking, NEFI convinced the Trump EPA to preserve full eligibility of residential heating oil for biofuel credits (RINs) and to postpone a proposed 50 percent RIN reduction for foreign feedstock fuels for at least two years.

-  Fighting a proposal to close the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, a critical safeguard that protects Northeast consumers and businesses from supply disruptions during severe winter weather.
-  After extensive engagement in the Treasury Department's 45Z rulemaking, NEFI secured a favorable "suitable use" definition in the proposed rule that preserves heating fuel eligibility under the federal Clean Fuel Production Credit. NEFI continues to engage with Treasury to ensure this definition is retained in the final rule, expected later this year.





Advocating for Sensible Regulatory Policies



-  Educated the Trump Administration on the impact of new tariffs on energy imports, resulting in exemptions for our fuels. NEFI retained specialized trade counsel to help the association and its members navigate this critical issue and continues to provide expert guidance through webinars and fact sheets.
-  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.
-  Worked with the National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) to convince the Trump Administration to formally investigate the safety risks of commercial EVs transporting hazardous materials.

-  Continuing to engage with industry partners to ensure the DOT task force's findings translate into meaningful protections, and to prevent commercial EV mandates without proven technology and rigorous safety standards.
-  Advocating for reforms in the forthcoming surface transportation reauthorization to reduce regulatory burdens and operating costs for fuel delivery operations. In partnership with the American Trucking Associations and other industry advocates, NEFI is calling for repeal of the 12% federal excise tax on heavy trucks, the highest federal excise tax on the books.





Education and Workforce Development



-  Submitted formal comments to the U.S. Department of Education on proposed Workforce Pell Grant regulations, urging that employer- and association-managed training programs be explicitly eligible.
-  NEFI continues to retain dedicated regulatory counsel with extensive expertise in CDL/HME licensing and compliance, helping members navigate federal requirements and keep drivers on the road.

-  In partnership with the Jobs and Careers Coalition, NEFI is supporting the Stronger Workforce for America Act (H.R. 8210), which would reauthorize and reform the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to drive employer engagement, prioritize skills training, and strengthen industry-led workforce development.
-  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

-  Supported the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699), which would prohibit state and local bans on heating fuels. NEFI and its coalition partners are actively working to secure a House floor vote later this year.
-  Led drafting and approval of the landmark Boston Resolution at the 7th Annual Industry Summit hosted by NEFI in August 2025. Subsequently ratified by the NEFI Board of Directors and several state and local heating oil associations across the Northeast, the Boston Resolution is a unifying declaration calling for smarter government policies at all levels focused on energy affordability, reliability, and choice.

-  Coordinating with state association partners to advance the goals of the Boston Resolution and educate consumers, policymakers, and the press on the achievements of our industry, the pitfalls of mandated electrification, and the growing strain on the electric grid in the age of artificial intelligence.
-  Monitoring federal permitting reform proceedings and natural gas pipeline expansion efforts in the Northeast. NEFI testified before the EPA and submitted comments correcting misinformation about our fuels and highlighting that today's ultra-low sulfur heating oil with renewable fuel blends rivals natural gas in cleanliness and efficiency. Passage of comprehensive energy permitting reform remains possible this year.

