



# 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. Blocked states from using nearly \$9 billion in federal rebate funding to incentivize fuel switching to electric heat pumps
2. Advanced national energy choice legislation with historic bipartisan support
3. Helped keep fuels moving to market by securing an extension of the Jones Act waiver, and appealed for pragmatic, permanent reforms
4. Prevented the elimination of LIHEAP and secured a funding increase
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.

Membership dues no longer support 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

-  Secured new guidance from the Trump Administration reversing Biden-era rules that allowed states to use nearly \$9 billion in federal rebate funding to push consumers to electric heat pumps.
-  Saved LIHEAP from elimination through direct advocacy, coalition work, and countless letters to Congress, and helped secure a \$20 million funding increase for FY 2026.
-  Filed comments urging DOE to overhaul how it measures the cost-effectiveness of building energy codes so they do not become another way to restrict our fuels and equipment and add about \$14,000 to the cost of a new home.

-  Defending LIHEAP yet again after the President called for the program's elimination in his fiscal year 2027 budget request. NEFI is working with congressional allies to keep it fully funded.
-  Advancing two NEFI-backed House bills: the Home Appliance Protection and Affordability Act (H.R. 4626), which stops efficiency standards from becoming a backdoor electrification tool, and the Homeowner Energy Freedom Act (H.R. 4758), which repeals taxpayer-funded electrification rebates. NEFI also convinced the Senate Energy Committee to add state preemption to its version of the appliance bill, effectively barring states from banning our fuels and equipment.



## Pragmatic Solutions for American Energy and Environmental Security

-  Led a coalition effort to secure an extended waiver of the Jones Act and ensure delivered fuels remain eligible. When the covered list was cut, our coalition kept our fuels on it, a critical safeguard as we head into heating season. We have also petitioned Congress for pragmatic reforms to this century-old law.
-  RFS rule was finalized with record-high biofuel volume obligations for 2026 and 2027, the highest in the program's 20-year history.
-  Convinced the Trump Administration to preserve full eligibility of residential heating oil for biofuel credits (RINs) and to postpone a proposed 50% RIN reduction for foreign feedstocks and imported biofuels for at least two years.

-  Protecting the favorable "suitable use" definition in Treasury's 45Z proposed rule that preserves heating fuel eligibility under the federal Clean Fuel Production Credit. NEFI testified before Treasury and IRS to ensure this definition is retained in the final rule, expected later this year.
-  Fighting a proposal to close the Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve, which protects consumers from winter supply disruptions.



## 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 members navigate the issue.
-  Achieved federal withdrawal of California's ACT waiver, adopted by ten states, that mandated electric truck purchases. NEFI attended the White House signing ceremony for a victory that prevents dramatic cost increases for 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 surface transportation reauthorization to reduce regulatory burdens and operating costs for fuel delivery operations. NEFI is calling for repeal of the 12% federal excise tax on heavy trucks.
-  Fighting proposed 25% tariffs on tank trailers. NEFI filed formal comments opposing the inclusion of tank trailers in new steel, aluminum, and copper derivative duties, which would drive up the cost of delivery equipment.



## Education and Workforce Development

-  Pressed the Department of Education alongside coalition partners to expand access to the new Workforce Pell Grants for HVAC and CDL training programs so they are not overlooked in favor of four-year programs.
-  Provides members free access to dedicated regulatory counsel who helps keep drivers licensed and on the road, avoid fines and penalties, and navigate complex tax, contract, and other legal questions.

-  In partnership with the Jobs and Careers Coalition, NEFI is supporting the new workforce legislation that prioritizes skills training and strengthens 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 is working to secure a House floor vote later this year.
-  Led drafting and approval of the landmark Boston Resolution at NEFI's 2025 Industry Summit, a unifying declaration calling for smarter government policies focused on energy affordability, reliability, and choice.
-  Led a White House roundtable that brought ten NEFI board members together with senior administration officials to discuss ways to strengthen consumer choice, regional energy reliability, and access to affordable fuel supplies.

-  Coordinating with state association partners to educate consumers, policymakers, and the press on the achievements of our industry, the pitfalls of mandated electrification, and the growing strain on an electric grid already struggling to keep pace with demand.
-  Monitoring federal permitting reform proceedings and natural gas pipeline expansion efforts in the Northeast. NEFI testified before the EPA highlighting that today's ULSHO with renewable fuel blends rivals natural gas in cleanliness and efficiency.

