



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

April 25, 2014

Dear Majority Leader Reid and Minority Leader McConnell:

On behalf of Natural Resource Defense Council's 1.4 million members and activists, I **urge you to support an up or down vote on the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act (S. 2074)**, as introduced by Senators Shaheen (D-NH) and Portman (R-OH).

Under the leadership of the sponsors, S. 2074 was developed with input from a diverse set of stakeholders. The broad support the bill has received to date is the product of that deliberative approach.

As drafted, this legislation would increase energy efficiency in buildings, industry and the federal government, reducing pollution while saving taxpayer dollars and promoting job growth. More energy efficiency means burning less fossil fuel, resulting in less air pollution, fewer devastated landscapes, and cleaner water. The nation's businesses, communities, and consumers have waited long enough to reap the benefits of this common sense, bipartisan legislation.

Perhaps equally important, passing S.2074 clean would send a message to the public that cooperation is possible and can deliver meaningful results.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to continuing to work with you to advance energy efficiency gains that will benefit all Americans, starting by keeping S.2074 clean.

Sincerely,

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