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**Please Co-Sponsor Building STAR Legislation (H.R. 5476)
for Jobs, the Economy, and Energy Security**

Dear Representative:

We are writing to urge you to co-sponsor the *Building STAR Energy Efficiency Retrofit Act of 2010* (H.R. 5476). Building STAR would quickly create tens of thousands of jobs in construction and related industries through the installation of energy-saving technology in offices, stores, apartment buildings, and factories.

Building STAR is needed to reduce energy waste in our building stock, improve our competitiveness, and speed up the transition to a new energy economy. It would:

- **Create 150,000 to 200,000 good jobs** in construction and related industries in the next 18 months through efficiency renovations of commercial buildings, helping to restore some of the 2 million construction jobs lost in this recession – including 35,000 in May alone.
- **Maximize federal investment** by leveraging \$2 to \$3 in private investment for every \$1 spent for a total spur to the economy of \$18 - \$24 billion.
- **Provide direct benefits to thousands of small businesses**, including the 91 percent of commercial building contractors that have fewer than 20 employees.
- **Deliver \$3.3 billion a year in energy savings** that can be immediately reinvested to boost local economies.
- **Work quickly** because the rebate and financing levels are established in the legislation and are based largely on proven state-level utility and other rebate programs.

We have come together as a broad-based coalition of more than 100 contractor associations, labor unions, manufacturers, suppliers, financial services companies, distributors, and energy-efficiency advocates because we believe that Building STAR is an essential solution to our nation's employment, energy, and economic recovery challenges. Thank you for considering our request to sign on today as a co-sponsor of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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