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The Honorable {*Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, Gary Miller, Ken Calvert, Dana Rohrabacher, John Campbell, Edward R. Royce, Loretta Sanchez, Elton Gallegly, Linda T. Sanchez*}

U.S. House of Representatives
House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

**Subject: Support the Energy and Environment Block Grant Act of 2007
(HR 2447)**

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Orange Empire Chapter of the International Code Council (ICC), comprised of building officials and industry representatives from 34 Southern California jurisdictions in Orange County, I am writing to urge you to cosponsor the Energy and Environment Block Grant Act of 2007, which was recently introduced by Congressman Albert Wynn of Maryland. This important legislation would assist local governments develop and implement a comprehensive energy efficiency strategy to help the nation meet its energy and climate protection goals. While the Orange Empire Chapter of ICC maintains a commitment to help reduce energy consumption through our Green Initiative and through our involvement in code development of the California Energy Code, much more could be accomplished with Federal resources and support.

A coordinated Federal and local approach will expand the resources necessary for the 34 jurisdictions in our Chapter to revise and update building codes for greater energy efficiency, expand weatherization programs, develop and implement efficient energy plans for city buildings, and more easily employ alternative energy technology to carry out city functions.

Your co-sponsorship of the Energy and Environment Block Grant Act of 2007 will help this legislation gain the momentum necessary to receive consideration before the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Thank you for your consideration of this important request. We look forward to working with you as the Committee begins to advance legislation on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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