Call your senator TODAY and tell him or her to OPPOSE Senator Rob Portman’s Amendment on energy codes

Call the U.S. Capitol Switch Board, 202-224-3121, and ask for your senator’s office. Once you are connected, ask to speak to the senator’s Energy Legislative Aide.

Tell the senator’s staff:

- The Senate is expected to consider S. 2657, the “American Energy Innovation Act,” the week of March 2.
- We anticipate Sen. Portman (Ohio) will offer an amendment to S. 2657. NAHB strongly opposes Sen. Portman’s Amendment.
- The Portman Amendment will:
  - allow the federal Department of Energy (DOE) to hijack the energy code development process;
  - mandate that the DOE establish energy efficiency targets for residential housing;
  - require the DOE to submit its own energy code proposals to the consensus model code in order to meet those targets; and
  - allow the DOE to submit proposals that do not have a reasonable payback for the home buyer.
- The current energy code development process works. Over the past twenty years, energy efficiency in new construction has increased 50%.
- Expanding DOE’s role is burdensome and unnecessary. Currently, DOE serves a vital role as a technical advisor to the codes-writing body.
- The housing affordability crisis will be exacerbated by the Portman Amendment. Home buyers will never see a return on their investment.
- Oppose the Portman Amendment to S. 2657.

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