

## NAHB SUPPORTS THE ENERGY CHOICE ACT

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) strongly supports the Energy Choice Act, a critical piece of legislation that protects a consumers' right to choose the most affordable and reliable energy sources for their homes. This legislation prohibits state and local governments from banning or limiting access to natural gas, electricity, and other energy sources.

### WHY ENERGY CHOICE MATTERS

As energy costs continue to rise, homeowners must have the freedom to choose the most cost-effective energy solutions. According to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), natural gas is the lowest-cost energy source for households, with electricity costing 3.5 times more than natural gas. These savings are essential for homeowners seeking to lower their energy bills.

### PRESERVING CONSUMER CHOICE AND AFFORDABILITY

The Energy Choice Act ensures that state and local governments cannot enact laws, regulations, or policies that limit or prohibit the installation, modification, or expansion of energy services based on the source of energy. This includes natural gas, renewable natural gas, hydrogen, liquefied petroleum gas, and electricity. Over 40 million U.S. households rely on natural gas for heating, cooking, and hot water. Preserving access to this affordable and reliable energy source is vital for consumers.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) recently forecasted that U.S. households using natural gas spent about 42% less on heating this winter compared to those using electricity. For example, natural gas users spent an average of \$602, while those relying on electricity spent approximately \$1,037. These savings highlight the significant impact that energy choice has on homeowners' budgets.

### A CALL TO ACTION

The Energy Choice Act helps prevent costly and unnecessary restrictions on energy sources, keeping energy costs affordable for American families. We urge Congress to pass this important legislation to preserve energy choice for homeowners across the country, ensuring they can continue to access the most affordable energy options available.