



March 22, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker McCarthy and Leader Jeffries,

The National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) supports H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act, to unleash American energy and streamline our cumbersome permitting processes. These efforts will have a rippling effect throughout our economy and allow our members to grow their businesses, increase employee wages, and make the cost of goods and services more affordable.

Established in 1886, NRCA is one of the nation's oldest trade associations and the voice of roofing professionals worldwide. Our nearly 4,000 member companies represent all segments of the industry, including contractors, manufacturers, distributors, consultants, and other employers in all 50 states and internationally. NRCA members are typically small, privately held companies with the average member employing 45 people and attaining sales of \$4.5 million per year. The U.S. roofing industry is an essential \$100 billion sector with nearly one million employees that provides critical materials and services to ensure home and business safety.

Higher energy prices are a tax on the economy and increased inflationary pressures throughout the supply chain harms our members who are still recovering from three years of COVID, slow growth and high inflation. We strongly support an all-of-the-above energy approach and certainty in the market that H.R. 1 would provide. While we understand that global energy prices reflect many complex dynamics, Congress should pass H.R. 1 to address the current barriers imposed by government policies on affordable domestic energy supplies.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Deborah Mazol, NRCA's director of federal affairs, at dmazol@nrca.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Duane Musser".

Duane Musser
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