

HOME STAR Coalition Applauds Senate for Inclusion of the Bi-partisan HOME STAR Legislation in The Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Company Accountability Act

HOME STAR Coalition urges swift action by Congress and The Administration as coalition supporters grows to over 2,600.

WASHINGTON, July 28 /PRNewswire/ -- The HOME STAR Coalition, a broad-based and diverse group of small and medium sized businesses and nationally recognized companies, labor and environmental organizations and associations, today applauded the inclusion of the HOME STAR legislation in *The Clean Energy Jobs and Oil Company Accountability Act*. The Home Star Coalition is joining Senate leadership for a press conference today to discuss the bill and the critical need for HOME STAR.

"I'm honored to represent the more than 2,600 members of the HOME STAR Coalition and the millions of families across America that will benefit from this important bi-partisan legislation," said WellHome President Larry Laseter, who is representing the HOME STAR Coalition at the press conference with Senate leadership today. "HOME STAR is good policy, but even better practicality in its ability to deliver a triple win for America – it creates clean energy jobs for our nation's skilled construction workers and at U.S. manufacturing facilities, it benefits homeowners through comfort and energy efficient improvements to their homes, and it helps the environment through long-term energy efficiency gains."

The HOME STAR Coalition also announced its membership increased to over 2,600, the majority of which are small and medium sized businesses and organizations from every state in the country who stands in support of HOME STAR and its widespread benefits for job creation, savings for homeowners, and energy efficiency. To view the complete list of HOME STAR Coalition supporters go to: <http://www.homestarcoalition.org/supporters.html>

"I am a second-generation insulation contractor with branch operations in Arizona, Nevada and California," said Insulation Contractors Association of America (ICAA) President Jeff Banker, of Banker Insulation in Phoenix Arizona. "Passage of the HOME STAR legislation would enable our family-owned business to hire contractors in all of our locations. I urge the Senate to please help small businesses across America by passing HOME STAR."

The HOME STAR legislation, which passed in the House in May, has bipartisan support and over 30 co-sponsors in the Senate. HOME STAR also has the support of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM). HOME STAR is a market-driven, low-bureaucracy program that would create jobs fast by scaling the existing home energy-efficiency improvement industry. Consumers nationwide would embrace HOME STAR because it will be simple, accessible, and help them save money.

Eco-Hut Academy is one of the HOME STAR Coalition members and advocates the passage of this bill.