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Council of NAIMA's President & CEO Statement on Markup of Home Star Legislation

WASHINGTON, DC – Kate Offringa, President & CEO of the Council of NAIMA, issued the following statement today regarding the House Energy and Commerce Committee's consideration of the *Home Star Energy Retrofit Act of 2010*:

"The Committee's approval today of the Home Star legislation is another positive step toward revitalizing an important American manufacturing sector. While the nation's unemployment rate hovers around 10%, the insulation sector has been crippled, with some estimates showing contractors cutting their workforce 30-40%. Home Star will not only help put these American workers back on the job, but also improve the efficiency of individual homes. Studies show consumers could save over \$500 per year on their energy bills with the measures encouraged by this bill. Given the fact that most insulation is manufactured right here in the U.S., this Home Star bill will go even further toward pulling us out of this economic nosedive.

"I applaud Chairman Waxman and members of the Committee for their leadership on this endeavor. The Council will continue to work with lawmakers to improve the bill and help ensure that more consumers, contractors and vendors are able to take advantage of the program while expanding the number of jobs created around the nation."

The Council of NAIMA

The Council of NAIMA (North American Insulation Manufacturers Association) advocates for policies and programs that encourage and/or incentivize increased energy efficiency in new and existing residential and commercial buildings and industrial applications.

The Council provides a focused voice for insulation and brings the broad insulation manufacturing industry together for the first time, leveraging the relationships and coalitions that NAIMA has built over its 75 year history.