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## Council of Leading Insulation Manufacturers Applauds House Passage of Home Star

*Industry association welcomes next step in enacting important jobs bill,  
but notes more work to be done*

**Washington, D.C.** – The Council of the North American Insulation Manufacturers Association (NAIMA), representing thousands of manufacturers and their employees, today applauded House passage of Home Star legislation, stating the action was a significant step toward helping Americans save on energy costs while creating jobs in fields such as manufacturing and construction that cannot be exported overseas.

“Most of the insulation used in American homes is manufactured right here in the United States,” said Kate Offringa, President and CEO of the Council of NAIMA. “For energy efficiency and job creation, you need look no further than to the insulation industry. The insulation retrofit programs created by Home Star will create jobs, save energy and save Americans on their utility bills. Our industry is ready to help Congress deliver on its promises of job creation and a more sustainable energy future for all Americans.”

On Thursday, the U.S. House of Representatives took the first step toward making H.R. 5019 – the Home Star Energy Retrofit Act – law. The Home Star program is designed to spur home energy retrofits by providing direct incentives to homeowners to install energy-saving products, including insulation, and conduct whole-home retrofits. Studies show approximately 65 percent of the new jobs created from provisions in the House legislation will go to the 10 states that have suffered the most job losses.

“The Council of NAIMA represents manufacturers of all types of insulation products. The jobs created by Home Star will expand the tax base and be a tremendous shot in the arm for the construction industry, where unemployment has reached 24 percent,” Offringa continued.

“Although this bill only authorizes the program—and doesn’t appropriate any actual dollars—House passage is an important step in the legislative process,” Offringa said. “Today’s actions on Capitol Hill will keep momentum moving toward final enactment. The Council and its members stand ready to help the Senate finish this critical legislative work so our workers can get back on the job and get this economy humming again.”

**About the Council of NAIMA**

*The Council of the North American Insulation Manufacturers Association advocates for policies and programs that mandate, encourage, and incentivize increased energy efficiency through insulation in new and existing residential and commercial buildings and industrial applications. Membership in the Council of NAIMA is open to thermal and acoustical insulation manufacturers – regardless of insulation product type – and their suppliers located in North America.*

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