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House Has “Make-or-Break” Chance to Sustain Jobs, Economic Growth By Passing Energy Legislation, Coalition Says

Washington, D.C. – The United States’ weak economy will be further damaged by energy price volatility and occasional interruptions in energy transportation unless Congress approves energy legislation quickly, according to representatives of 1,400 businesses, labor unions and energy providers who spoke out today in support of national energy legislation.

The Alliance for Energy & Economic Growth held a news conference at the U.S. Capitol here to urge the U.S. House of Representatives to pass an energy policy bill this week.

“The U.S. economy has suffered through three years of severe energy price fluctuations because energy supplies are often barely adequate to meet demand,” said Bruce Josten, spokesperson for the Alliance and executive vice president of government relations for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. “This problem cannot fix itself. Congress must make some hard decisions about increasing energy supply, updating the systems of pipes and wires through which energy is delivered, and boosting energy efficiency.”

“Failure to do so will have dire consequences for all Americans, both as workers and as consumers of energy,” he warned.

Energy supply has emerged as a strong focus for Alliance members this year, Josten said. “There is a growing sense of urgency among manufacturers, small businesses and others that they simply cannot remain competitive unless we have enough reasonably priced energy supplies to meet their needs.”

Josten added that the Alliance will urge the House and Senate not to include in energy legislation either mandatory climate change/carbon dioxide provisions or a renewable-energy portfolio standard.

The Alliance also unveiled a new print advertisement, which features a crossword puzzle motif. Its headline reads: “A six-letter word for security: E N E R G Y.”

Additional information about the Alliance for Energy & Economic Growth is available on its website at www.yourenergyfuture.org.