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**Energy Efficiency Standards will Create Jobs, Savings
and a Cleaner Environment for Indiana**

Indianapolis – Business and environmental leaders gathered in Indianapolis today to make the case for national efficiency standards that will help our state reap the benefits from energy efficiency. A recent [study](#) shows that energy efficiency standards can create thousands of new jobs in Indiana and save consumers over \$1 billion on utility bills.

The backdrop to the event was a training class on building insulation, part of the weatherization job training program at the Indianapolis Community Action Association (INCAA). Energy efficiency funding in the federal economic stimulus has grown the training program at INCAA and created opportunities for unemployed workers in Indianapolis.

“Americans spend billions of dollars each year on wasted energy,” said Rob Kelter, Senior Attorney for the Environmental Law & Policy Center, “The economic stimulus showed that energy efficiency can put people to work, save consumers money and reduce pollution. But to finish what the stimulus started, we need Senator Bayh and others to support strong national efficiency standards with long term goals for saving energy.”

National energy efficiency standards will require utility companies to reduce energy usage by offering programs such as home energy audits and rebates on efficient appliances to help their customers reduce energy usage. “Energy efficiency is especially important for low-income households who struggle with high utility bills,” said Dave Menzer, Team Leader at INCAA. “More efficient homes will keep families warm and keep their bills under control.”

“People are beginning to understand the importance of energy usage in our buildings, lighting and appliances,” said David Kadlec LEED AP of CasaVerde LLC, a developer of energy efficient, sustainable buildings. “Energy efficiency is the key to making comfortable building with low operating cost, and efficient buildings are what our clients want.”

“Indiana uses more energy and creates more pollution per-capita than most other states,” said Jesse Kharbanda, Executive Director of the Hoosier Environmental Council. “Paying for more energy hurts our pocketbooks while pollution from power plants threatens public health. Energy efficiency is the fastest, cheapest and easiest way to change that.”

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