Energy wasted through transmission, heat loss, and inefficient technology costs families and businesses money, and leads to increased greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. These impacts, particularly increased greenhouse gases and air pollution, come with substantial costs to our health and to the environment. We can significantly reduce illness and deaths, as well as address equity issues if we improve energy efficiency.

In today’s ongoing policy gridlock at the federal level and the Administration’s rollback of efforts to address climate change, state legislatures have the potential to lead the way—or halt progress—when it comes to energy efficiency and climate change.

Health professionals’ influential voices can SUPPORT policies that will improve our health and our climate and OPPOSE policies that will be detrimental to our health and our planet.

SUPPORT policies that:
- Establish/strongen requirements for energy efficiency, like those in building codes
- Ensure the benefits of energy efficiency reach low- and moderate-income households, such as home weatherization funds
- Ensure low- and moderate-income households are protected when energy efficiency isn’t enough to reduce their ‘energy burden’ (e.g., low-income utility bill payment assistance and policies that prevent utility shut-off in times of extreme cold and heat)

OPPOSE policies that:
- Repeal/weak energy efficiency requirements
- Reduce access/funding to energy efficiency improvements for low- and moderate-income households
- Reduce access/funding for alternatives to utility shut-off when energy efficiency is not enough to reduce the ‘energy burden’, particularly in times of extreme cold or heat, such as reducing funds for low-income utility bill payment assistance

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