

Making Weatherization Work Better for All



117th Congress

House Sponsors: Reps. sPaul Tonko (NY-20), Bobby Rush (IL-1) & Marcy Kaptur (OH-9)

Supporting Organization Statements:

"The Weatherization Enhancement and Readiness Act fills a vital 'efficiency gap' in federal weatherization funds, which bars many homes in underserved communities from receiving weatherization assistance due to outstanding health and safety concerns. This gap defers 10 to 30 percent of income-eligible weatherization clients, according to E4TheFuture. By helping underserved communities overcome preexisting structural, plumbing, and electrical issues in their homes, this legislation alleviates families' energy burdens and improves access to energy efficiency. We support this endeavor to bring energy efficiency to underserved communities and laud Alliance Honorary Advisor Rep. Paul Tonko (D-N.Y.) for introducing this legislation."

❖ **Paula Glover, President of the Alliance to Save Energy**

"The weatherization assistance program cuts high energy bills for and improves the health of low-income families. But too often homes that would benefit are in such poor shape they can't be weatherized until other repairs are done first. This bill will help make needed repairs to homes, so more low-income families can get free weatherization assistance and be safe, healthy, and able to afford their energy bills."

❖ **Alliance to Save Energy, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE)**

"Once again, Mr. Tonko has shown great leadership in identifying design changes for the Weatherization Program intended to improve program delivery and save low-income homeowners money, while saving energy."

❖ **David Terry, the long-time Executive Director of the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO)**

"Paul Tonko, once again, leads the Congress in assisting our low-income communities overcome the burdens of rising energy costs. The legislation introduced will ensure that the federal investment in the Weatherization Assistance Program will be used to achieve maximum success in helping low-income families secure safe, healthy, and energy-efficient homes."

❖ **David Bradley, CEO of the National Community Action Foundation (NCAF), which represents a majority of the local Weatherization providers**

“The National Association for State Community Services (NASCS) membership, comprised of Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAP) Grantees, strongly supports the Weatherization Enhancement and Readiness Act of 2022. Many provisions in this bill were advocated for by NASCS and we are thrilled to see them included. This bill addresses opportunities for improvement to the WAP such as managing rising material costs and reducing barriers to bringing renewable energy measures to low-income communities. The Bills authorization of Weatherization Readiness funds through 2027 will provide weatherization services to homes previously deferred and energy conservation savings to clients with the greatest need. We are profoundly grateful for Representative Paul Tonko’s commitment to WAP and his work championing the program.”

❖ **The National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCS)**, the premier association providing training and technical assistance and advocacy to WAP Grantees

“NYS Community Action Agencies are excited to support The Weatherization Enhancement and Readiness Act. This is an excellent opportunity for the Weatherization network and we are pleased that the changes reflected in this legislation, such as the increase in the average cost per dwelling and the change in limitations for re-weatherization, will allow us to assist more low-income families in improving the energy efficiency of their homes while reducing heating costs.”

❖ **New York State Community Action Association (NYSCAA)**