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The Honorable Bob Latta
Chairman, House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman Latta;

On behalf of the members of the Pellet Fuels Institute (PFI) I am writing to express the PFI's support for the Energy Choice Act (H.R. 3699/S. 1945), a piece of legislation introduced to protect consumers' choice in how they heat their homes and cook their food. This legislation is well-timed as our members find their fuel and the appliances that burn wood pellets under attack in local, state and federal jurisdictions.

The Pellet Fuels Institute (PFI) represents the manufacturers of wood pellets used for home heating and cooking applications. PFI members manufacture their product from the sawdust, chips and planer shavings that are the resultant by-products of upstream timber processing.

In 2024, wood pellet manufacturers purchased nearly 8 million tons of these materials from sawmills and secondary wood processing sites, adding over \$250 million in vital revenue to our country's forest products sector. While wood pellets are used in less than 1% of American households, their manufacture and use provides a vital market for these residual materials. The Energy Choice Act would protect our members market and the ancillary benefits it provides to upstream forest product manufacturing sites. We feel strongly this legislation aligns closely with the ambitions outlined in President Trump's "Immediate Expansion of American Timber Production" and "Unleashing American Energy" executive orders.

Increasingly our members are seeing policies and regulations that leave consumers little choice in how they heat their homes or drive them towards electric baseboard heat or heat

pumps exclusively. Considering the strain on the electric grid from the rapid rise of AI processing, this seems like a recipe for increased prices, reduced reliability or both.

The Energy Choice Act would prohibit state and local governments from discriminating against any type of energy source via interconnection or combustion bans.

Thank you for championing energy choice for American homeowners. Please urge your colleagues to consider the unintended consequences that would arise from the prohibition of any fuel type.

Sincerely,

Tim Portz
Executive Director
Pellet Fuels Institute