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The Honorable Cory Gardner  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Christopher Coons  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Adam Kinzinger  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter Welch  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Gardner and Coons and Representatives Kinzinger and Welch:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce commends the Energy Savings Through Public-Private Partnerships Act of 2017, which would improve energy efficiency within the federal government and reduce spending through the usage of Energy Savings Performance Contracts (ESPCs) and Utility Energy Service Contracts (UESCs).

The use of ESPCs and UESCs in the federal government has been a bipartisan and commonsense solution for more than a decade. The Chamber is a longtime supporter of ESPCs and UESCs, which reduce the energy intensity of federal buildings, decrease energy costs within the federal government, and create private sector jobs—at no cost to taxpayers. These contracts serve as an alternative-financing mechanism enabling federal agencies to procure energy efficiency services and projects without relying on appropriated funds.

Your work in the area of ESPCs and UESCs has been instrumental in reducing energy spending and usage while increasing job growth and growing the American economy. The Chamber thanks you for introducing the Energy Savings Through Public-Private Partnerships Act and looks forward to working with you on this important legislation.

Sincerely,



Neil Bradley