



March 31, 2023

Dear Chair Stabenow and Ranking Member Boozman:

We, the undersigned, write in support for a five-year extension of the National Oilheat Research Alliance (“NORA”) through October 1, 2033. NORA was first authorized in 2000, via title VII of the Energy Act of 2000, to provide funding that would allow the liquid heating industry to provide more efficient and reliable heat and hot water to the American consumer.

In the ensuing years, NORA’s scope expanded to reducing carbon emissions from home heating. Its Research & Development emphasis on carbon reduction resulted in the opening of the country’s first liquid heating fuels research laboratory in 2016. Fuels, heating systems and logistics are evaluated and advanced with the goal of eliminating greenhouse gas emissions and are among NORA’s highest priorities.

Because of the liquid heating fuels industry’s goals to decarbonize through the increased use of biodiesel blending, NORA was reauthorized in the 2018 FARM bill. NORA reauthorization is needed to continue providing the American consumer with this important and cleaner energy source.

As a government sanctioned “check-off” program, NORA receives \$0.002 at the wholesale level on every gallon of liquid heating fuel sold. NORA is 100 percent funded by the industry, requiring no federal funds, providing critical training and career opportunities through our certification programs, while also advancing the necessary research and development for the decarbonization of the liquid heating industry.

NORA’s initiatives have helped to reduce heating fuel consumption by 30 percent over the last decade, which amounts to nearly \$600 in annual savings per customer. Liquid heating fuels are used in over six million homes, serving more than 16 million Americans across the country.

NORA’s technical education programs have trained more than 32,000 technicians, including almost 12,000 entry-level apprenticeship technicians.

Without Congressional authorization, the liquid heating industry will lose this crucial program and its ability to work cooperatively and efficiently to provide the consumer benefits and efficient technologies to stay competitive in the marketplace.

We ask for your help in reauthorizing this important program. Specifically, we ask Congress to provide a five-year extension of NORA by amending section 713 of the National Oilheat Research Alliance Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 6201 note; Public Law 106–469) to strike “28 years” and insert “33 years.”

We appreciate Congress’s longstanding, bipartisan support of NORA. We thank you for considering this request and urge NORA reauthorization to ensure Americans have safe and reliable heating fuel for years to come.

Sincerely,



National Associations:

Energy Marketers of America
Clean Fuels Alliance America
National Energy & Fuels Institute

State & Regional Associations:

Connecticut Energy Marketers Association
Energy Marketers Association of New Hampshire
Energy Marketers Association of Rhode Island
Empire State Energy Association
Fuel Merchants Association of New Jersey
Indiana Food & Fuel Association
Kentucky Petroleum Marketers Association
Maine Energy Marketers Association
Massachusetts Energy Marketers Association
Michigan Petroleum Association
Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors Association
Nevada Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
New York State Energy Coalition
North Carolina Petroleum & Convenience Marketers
Ohio Energy & Convenience Association
Pennsylvania Petroleum Association
South Carolina Convenience & Petroleum Marketers Association
Vermont Fuel Dealers Association
Virginia Petroleum & Convenience Marketers Association
Washington Independent Energy Distributors
Wisconsin Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association