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The Honorable Nicholas A. Langworthy
U.S. House of Representatives
4222 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Representative Langworthy:

On behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business, I write in support of H.R. 3699, the Energy Choice Act. This important legislation would prohibit states or local governments from banning an energy service's connection, reconnection, modification, installation, or expansion based on the type or source of energy to be delivered. H.R. 3699 will be a major step towards reducing the cost of energy for small business owners.

NFIB is the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, representing nearly 300,000 independent businesses. In NFIB's most recent *Problems and Priorities* survey, small businesses ranked the cost of natural gas, propane, gasoline, diesel, and fuel oil as their 6th most pressing issue, with electricity costs following at 10th overall.¹

Unfortunately, there has been a nationwide effort to place burdensome regulations and restrictions on not only energy production, but also consumer products that use certain sources of energy. Small businesses overwhelmingly oppose these efforts that will decrease access to affordable and reliable energy and consumer products. In a recent NFIB member ballot, 96% of NFIB members opposed bans or restrictions on consumer products based on the energy that they use.²

The Energy Choice Act will prevent energy bans that hamper energy production, decimate local economies, and increase costs for small businesses and consumers. This is especially critical as electricity demand in the continental United States continues to break peak demand records.³ Congress must ensure Americans have access to affordable and reliable energy. That means moving away from one-size-fits-all mandates and unleashing America's energy sector.

Affordable and reliable energy can be make-or-break for many small businesses. NFIB supports the Energy Choice Act, as it will help lessen the energy burden on small businesses across the country. We look forward to working with you to advance this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis A. Bertolotti".

Louis A. Bertolotti
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¹ Holly Wade & Madeline Oldstone, Small Business Problems & Priorities, NFIB Research Center, July 2024. <http://bit.ly/40uXas5>.

² NFIB Member Ballot, Mandate, vol. 583., September 2023, *Should the federal government ban or restrict the purchase of consumer products like new gas-powered vehicles and equipment or natural gas cooktops?* (Yes: 96% No: 2% Undecided: 2%)

³ "U.S. electricity peak demand set new records twice in July." EIA, August 2025. <https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=65864>.