

Two U.S. Senators Call on DOE to Examine Benefits of Thermal Insulation

Reston, VA—November 18, 2015—The National Insulation Association (NIA) is pleased to announce that on November 10, 2015, U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Chairwoman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and Senator Maria Cantwell, (D-WA), the Committee's ranking member, sent a bipartisan letter to Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz requesting a study on the impact of thermal insulation on water and energy use within federal buildings and facilities. In the letter to the Department of Energy (DOE), Senators Murkowski and Cantwell referred to thermal insulation as “among the most cost-effective and available energy-efficiency technologies.”

“We are certain that this requested study will confirm that insulation has much to offer to federal buildings and facilities. When you think of insulation, you typically think heat loss, but water usage is yet another area that will benefit from the energy-saving properties of insulation. By providing tangible evidence of the benefits of insulation, NIA is confident that this requested study will lead to the implementation of programs that increase the use of insulation in federal buildings and facilities,” said NIA’s Executive Vice President/CEO Michele M. Jones.

A U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources press release announcing this bipartisan progress cited NIA’s earlier testimony to the Committee, in which NIA stated that implementing a thermal insulation maintenance program in the commercial and industrial market segments would result in carbon dioxide reductions of 105 million metric tons and roughly \$3.8 billion per year in energy savings. The full press release from the U. S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources is available on the [Committee’s website](#) at <http://tinyurl.com/okqmba8>. The [full text of the letter to Secretary Moniz](#) is included as an attachment to the Committee’s press release.

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