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Welcome to the 11th edition of the Vinyl Siding Institute's (VSI) Certified Installer E-News. Note that all official program communications continue to come from Karen Yetter at ATI, the program Administrator, at kyetter@archtest.com.

Special Legislation Regarding Insulated Siding Introduced!

Congresswoman Mary Jo Kilroy has introduced **H. R. 4772: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the nonbusiness energy property credit to include insulated siding**. The goal is to create jobs, while improving the energy efficiency of America's homes. Our industry really appreciates her support. She has several co-sponsors, but the legislation needs many more to get any attention, both Republicans and Democrats. We need you to contact every Member of Congress with whom you have had any contact, especially those that represent your headquarters and plant locations and urge them to sign onto this important piece of legislation. And contact those you don't know too, anywhere in the U.S., either party; they are there to serve you and mid-term elections are coming up soon.

A list of Members of Congress and their contact information can be found here: http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml. Please do this TODAY!

Background

After bi-partisan requests, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has reaffirmed their position that insulated vinyl siding does not qualify for the tax. The IRS has refused to qualify insulated vinyl siding for the tax credit because the insulation component of the material is not its "primary" purpose. The Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) believe that insulated vinyl siding meets these requirements, but the IRS is the ultimate decision-maker.

Although the tax credit expires at the end of this year, we expect it to be extended. This legislation would add insulated siding to the list of building



products eligible. The effect on the window industry has been great and insulated siding should get the credit too!

The vinyl siding industry has a strong history in American manufacturing. 100% of insulated vinyl siding is produced in America, helping to fuel a robust supply chain, which includes siding manufacturers, material suppliers, machinery manufacturers, technical and consulting firms, installers, builder and remodelers. The extension of the tax credit could create an additional 2,000 jobs, based on National Association of Homebuilders' job creation models.

Furthermore, an estimated 40% of U.S. energy consumption is attributed to the heating and cooling of buildings, and encouraging homeowners to improve their residential insulation is consistent with Congress' and President Obama's intent to improve energy efficiency.

Please Take Action Today

Extension of the tax credit to insulated siding is important to the vinyl siding industry and we seek bi-partisan support. Send the information in this email to any Congressional contacts you have TODAY and urge them to join Rep. Kilroy in sponsorship of H. R. 4772: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the nonbusiness energy property credit to include insulated siding

If you have questions and to co-sponsor, please contact Noah Cuttler at noah.cuttler@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-2015. Deadline is COB **Friday, March 19, 2010.**

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