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PIMA Urges Congress to Fund DOE Energy Efficiency Programs

May 13, 2008, Bethesda, MD -- The Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA) has asked the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Energy & Water Development to fund the Department of Energy's (DOE) Fiscal Year 2009 appropriations request for energy efficiency programs.

Specifically, PIMA supports specific programs within the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) that directly affect energy use in residential and commercial buildings, and thus are effective in achieving significant energy savings.

- **Building Technologies Program** – A key program focusing on and achieving increased efficiency in commercial and residential buildings.
- **Building Energy Codes** – Increased funding for this program would allow the Department to assist in the development of stronger model energy codes and to assist states in adopting and enforcing those codes.
- **Zero-Net-Energy Commercial Buildings Initiative** – The activities authorized under this program complement many of the innovative, R&D-type features of the Building Technologies program and will help to disseminate the relevant building practices and technologies to a wider audience.

“DOE plays an important leadership and guidance role for individuals and companies that strive to reduce their carbon footprint and increase the energy efficiency of their buildings,” said Jared Blum, President of PIMA. “Supporting and funding their energy efficient programs results in exponential returns.”

About PIMA

For 20 years, the Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA) has served as the unified voice of the rigid polyiso industry proactively advocating for safe, cost-effective, sustainable and energy efficient construction. PIMA's members, who first came together in 1987, include a synergistic partnership of polyiso manufacturers and industry suppliers. Polyiso is one of the Nation's most widely used and cost-effective insulation products available.

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