

**Floor Statement of Rep. Peter Welch  
Safe Climate Caucus  
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Energy efficiency investments work. A recent study by the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory found that improving the air tightness in homes would achieve \$33 billion in annual energy savings.

Across the country, 113 million homes use 23% of the U.S. source energy, and the largest potential is in the hottest and the coldest climates. In Vermont, we're leading the country on energy efficiency that demonstrates potential that home improvements have for saving money and protecting the environment.

I've introduced bipartisan legislation with my good friend and Republican colleague, Representative McKinley, that would provide homeowners with an incentive to install precisely these kinds of efficiency measures in their own homes.

Whatever your preferred source of energy, we can all agree that using less energy is good for the taxpayer and the environment. This is something we can and should work together on accomplishing.