Dear Senator:

On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) – the business association of the nation’s engineering industry – we strongly urge you to make the passage of a bipartisan energy bill a priority this year.

Congress presently stands on the threshold of a historic opportunity to pass bipartisan legislation that will help to modernize America’s energy infrastructure and grow the economy. The shale gas revolution, dramatic changes in the global oil market, and the steady growth of renewable sources and energy efficiency technologies have created demand for new utility business models, as well as new policies to facilitate these changes and continued growth in the energy sector.

The Senate has cleared legislation (S. 2012) that addresses a number of critical energy policy priorities, including infrastructure permitting and siting, market and technological efficiency, and the promotion of more reliable, resilient, and secure services. The House has passed its own broad-based energy legislation and has voted to proceed to conference.

We urge the Senate to do the same, and work with the House to resolve differences between the respective bills and vote on a final compromise bill this year.

On behalf of the over 5,000 ACEC member firms nationwide, we are ready to help you in any way possible to achieve this goal. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,