

## **Support HB 1397 to prohibit compliance with Federal Energy Efficiency Standards**

*A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered [10.1-1306.1](#), relating to compliance with energy efficiency standards for residences.*

**The Challenge:** Bills being considered before the US Congress would force very expensive retrofitting of a residence.

- The House bill, H.R. 2454 requires a residence to be in compliance with Energy Efficiency Standards that meets with global standards established by the United Nations.
- The House bill would require every homeowner to:
  - have an energy efficiency analysis of his private residence conducted
  - meet federal energy efficiency standards
  - participate in a building energy performance labeling program established by the federal government
  - make modifications to the residence in accordance with the retrofit provisions of federal "cap and trade" legislation requirements
  - obtain a label from the federal government that shall be posted on his property showing the energy efficiency rating of the residence prior to the sale of such residence in order to comply with federal energy and water efficiency requirements.
- The House bill will result in the rationing of energy.
- A failure to comply with federal building codes would bar the sale of a residential building or manufactured home that is not in compliance.
- Expensive retrofitting is estimated to be up to \$35,000 per residence.

**Concerns:** Federal bills are considered by many to be an unprecedented intrusion on the powers delegated to the States in the US Constitution.

- President Obama used Spain's green initiative as a blueprint for the U.S. to use federal funds to stimulate the economy with billions of dollars allocated to the green jobs industry. But for every "green job" created with government money in Spain over the last 10 years came at the cost of 2.2 regular jobs, and only one in 10 of the newly created green jobs became a permanent job, says Dr. Gabriel Calzada, an economics professor at Juan Carlos University in Madrid, in a 2009 study of the effects on employment of public aid to renewable energy sources.
- The Constitution does not delegate to the federal government the power to impose mandates on states to regulate energy efficiency standards set forth by the United Nations.

**The Solution:** By passing HB 1397:

- Virginians would avoid the expensive retrofitting of their homes to meet with global standards based on a disputed theory of global warming in order to sell their home.
- The citizens of the Commonwealth would avoid the rationing of energy consumption based on the undefined, unsubstantiated global warming science.
- It would allow Virginia to defend its rights by challenging the powers of the federal government not delegated to it by the States or the People.
- National Association of Manufacturers released a study it conducted with Milken Institute that shows that every \$1 billion invested in nuclear energy creates more than 26,400 jobs across all sectors, only reinforcing the impact we can have by investing in this area.