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**LABOR, BUSINESS LEADERS MEET WITH CONGRESSMAN
DRIEHAUS TO HIGHLIGHT LEGISLATION TO SPUR JOB GROWTH**

Building STAR Proposal Would Promote Job Creation In Ohio, Boost Energy Efficiency

CINCINNATI, Ohio – As the search continues for ways to improve the economy, boost job growth and increase energy efficiency, leading national and Ohio business and labor leaders today met with U.S. Representative Steve Driehaus (OH-01) to highlight Building STAR, a bill in Congress that includes a package of rebates and financing provisions to quickly put thousands of Ohioans to work retrofitting commercial buildings for energy efficiency.

"As our economy continues to recover, our top priority needs to be job creation," said Rep. Driehaus. "Building STAR is an attractive proposal because it is a public-private partnership that could not only create good jobs but also help businesses cut their energy expenses and reduce carbon emissions."

Building STAR is supported by a coalition of more than 100 contractor groups, unions, manufacturers, businesses, financial services organizations and energy efficiency advocates. In Ohio alone, Building STAR could account for nearly 15,000 commercial building retrofits and create 6,600 good jobs.

"At a time when one in four construction workers is out of work, this is a jobs bill that will have an immediate impact on the economy," said Reid Detchon, executive director of the Energy Future Coalition. "Building STAR will improve the economic situation of workers right away and save consumers money on future energy costs."

"Building STAR will create vital opportunities for all Ohio business owners. From small family owned businesses to large corporations, Building STAR is an opportunity to help the people of Ohio" said Jim Petrides, Manager of Energy Consulting Services at Irex Contracting Group. "In addition to creating construction jobs and manufacturing jobs, Building STAR's focus on energy efficiency also helps businesses reduce their energy use which allows them to invest in putting people back to work instead of in paying unnecessarily high energy bills."

Building STAR was introduced in the U.S. Senate as S. 3079 on March 4, 2010, with 9 original co-sponsors. The legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives as H.R. 5476 on May 28, 2010, with 8 original co-sponsors.

For more information about Building STAR, please visit www.rebuildingamerica.org.

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