

(Washington, D.C.) – Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today highlighted the \$118,821,296 that New Jersey will receive for weatherization grants as another way that New Jersey families will benefit from the economic recovery bill. The funding allocation comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which Congress passed and President Obama signed into law last month. The bill provided \$5 billion for the Weatherization Assistance Program to help 1 million working families improve home energy efficiency. The funding will also increase the aid level from \$2,500 to \$6,500 per household.

“This is another example of how the recovery bill is benefitting New Jersey,” Holt said. “This funding will provide savings to New Jersey families who are strained by high energy costs, while creating new jobs and supporting clean energy.”

The DOE’s Weatherization Assistance Program allows families to reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient, reducing heating bills by an average of 32% and overall energy bills by hundreds of dollars per year. The funding to support home weatherization supports adding more insulation, sealing leaks, and modernizing heating and air conditioning equipment.

The White House also announced today that New Jersey will receive \$73,643,000 for the State Energy Program. Each state can make their own energy improvements, including making rebates available to consumers for home energy audits or other energy saving improvements, developing renewable energy projects for clean electricity generation and alternative fuels, promoting Energy Star products, and upgrading state and local government buildings.

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