

## **Advocacy sends letter to the Secretary of Energy regarding Small Business Impact of EPCA Policy**

On November 12, 2014, the Office of Advocacy sent a letter to Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz forwarding the concerns of small manufacturers regarding the Department of Energy's Appliance and Equipment Standards program under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA).

The Department of Energy (DOE) has recently proposed and adopted several energy efficiency regulations that will have significant economic impacts on small business manufacturing. Most recently, small manufacturers have expressed concerns regarding DOE's proposed efficiency standards for automatic commercial ice makers. The proposed rule, if finalized will reduce the industry net present value of small manufacturers of commercial ice makers by 78.6 percent.

Advocacy's letter highlighted the importance of small manufacturing from both an energy efficiency and economic standpoint, and discussed ways in which DOE can exercise its discretion under EPCA to address small business concerns.

Advocacy recommended that:

- DOE use its discretion to adopt an alternative to the proposed standard that is achievable for small manufacturers of automatic commercial ice makers,
- DOE give similar consideration to small manufacturers in all future energy efficiency rulemakings.

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