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### **Shuler Introduces Bill to Help Small Businesses Become Energy Efficient** *Bill will Realign SBA programs to Reflect Energy Efficiency Priorities*

*Washington, D.C.* – Representative Heath Shuler continued his efforts to help small businesses compete by increasing their energy efficiency with the introduction of the Small Energy Efficient Business Act, H.R. 2389.

The Small Energy Efficient Business Act (SEEBA) will help small businesses get information and expert analysis on their energy usage, while also expanding the access to capital through loans and investment to incorporate improvements in their equipment, plants, or operations.

“Small businesses are the first to be affected by rising energy prices,” said Congressman Shuler, “and small businesses will be the first to find the solutions. This bill gives them the tools they need to lead our nation to energy efficiency and independence.”

According to a recent study conducted by the National Small Business Association, 93 percent of small business owners anticipate negative consequences to their businesses because of higher energy prices. Half said lack of money or other resources have prevented them from doing more to invest in energy-saving technology.

Rep. Shuler's bill has been referred to the House Committee on Small Business and is expected to be marked up by the committee next week.

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