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Extra Mile Award presented to Congressman Paul Tonko during NEUAC’s LIHEAP Action Day

(WASHINGTON, D.C., 2/27/2019) – The National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition (NEUAC), a broad-based group of diverse member organizations and individuals who work to highlight the energy needs of low-income households, will host the sixteenth annual Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Action Day on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on February 28, 2019.

Drawing more than 200 advocates from across the nation, this one-day event will be open to representatives of all national, state and local utility assistance programs and those who support or have been helped by LIHEAP.

Congressman Paul Tonko was awarded the Extra Mile Award by NEUAC during the event. A lifelong New York resident, Rep. Tonko has served in Congress since 2009. He is Chairman of the House Environment Subcommittee on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Rep. Tonko is also a member of the Subcommittee on Energy, and the House Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus.

The Extra Mile Award is presented during LIHEAP Action Day to a member of Congress in recognition for going the extra mile championing LIHEAP and making a difference for energy consumers with limited incomes. Rep. Tonko has been a strong supporter of LIHEAP, and has signed a FY19 letter in support of improving funding for the program. He participated in a poverty simulation in the U.S. Capitol in 2018 and understands the needs of low-income households.

The NEUAC Annual LIHEAP Action Day event is designed to connect national, regional and state utility assistance organizations and community members with their elected representatives in Congress. NEUAC’s LIHEAP Action Day is focused on promoting a legislative agenda in support of reducing the energy burdens of America’s most vulnerable populations, including the disabled, elderly, families with children, and veterans. The group of advocates participating in the event are expected to make more than 200 visits to Congressional offices to offer their support of the program, educate members on the importance of energy assistance and energy efficiency programming provided by LIHEAP, and thank offices for their support of continued funding.

For more information about LIHEAP Action Day or the goals and projects of NEUAC, please visit www.neuac.org or contact Katrina Metzler at kmetzler@neuac.org or 202-530-2210.

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