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Most of the state's legislative sessions have ended and a some are still in session. But, there is still a lot going on! NEHPBA is currently tracking over 130 bills in our seven states. We encourage you all to be reading our emails, checking social media pages, and staying up-to-date for more calls-to-action and updates.

Legislator briefings with Rep. Carolyn Dykema and Rep. Jeffrey Roy

NEHPBA leadership had productive meetings on June 17 with Massachusetts Rep. Carolyn C. Dykema (D-Holliston) and Rep. Jeffrey N. Roy (D-Franklin).

Rep. Dykema is chairperson of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Agriculture, and Rep. Roy chairs the Joint Committee on telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

Both committees and both legislators are central to and influential in ongoing energy-policy discussions on Beacon Hill and the creation of any related legislative proposals. We have been particularly encouraged by their informed and reasonable stance on matters relative to the ongoing availability of safe, clean natural gas to Massachusetts homeowners and businesses.

Both legislators were welcoming and gracious – as well as eager to learn more about the hearth industry and the importance of NEHPBA members' service and product expertise to millions of households in New England. And both expressed strong support for small businesses like the majority of NEHPBA members and recognition of their critical role in the economy. It's important for NEHPBA and its members to be stakeholders at the table on important policy matters impacting our industry. We are confident Rep. Dykema and Rep. Roy value the input of NEHPBA in that role.

We look forward to continued dialogue with both of these legislators, as well as other key state government leaders with the potential to impact our industry. And, **we have scheduled legislative meetings with House and Senate representatives in other states in the region throughout August.**

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