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Energy: Lifting the High Energy Burden in America's Largest Cities/American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy Report

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The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy released a report titled *Lifting the High Energy Burden in America's Largest Cities: How Energy Efficiency Can Improve Low Income and Underserved Communities* ("Report").

A co-sponsor of the *Report* included Energy Efficiency for All and it is authored by Ariel Dreihobl and Lauren Ross.

The *Report* measures the energy burdens in 48 of the United States largest cities.

The *Report* concludes that low-income households pay proportionately more than the average household for energy costs. It includes and builds on research analysis undertaken by Fisher Sheehan & Colton and data generated by the United States Census Bureau's 2011 and 2013 American Housing Survey.

The *Report* also identifies strategies that it believes could alleviate high energy burdens focusing on policies and programs to increase the impact of energy efficiency initiatives in the referenced communities.

The *Report* includes chapters addressing:

- Causes and Effects of High Energy Burden
- The United States Home Energy Burden Landscape
- Policies and Programs to Address High Energy Burdens
- Benefits of Investing in Energy Efficiency in Low-Income Communities
- Strategies for Improving Energy Efficiency in Low-Income Communities

The Appendices address:

- Sample Sizes
- City Median Energy Burdens
- Energy Burdens at the Median and Highest Energy Burden Quartile, by City
- Households with Energy Burden At Least Twice the City Median
- Regional Energy Burden

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