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Congress Reauthorizes NORA for Ten Years

By a vote of 369 to 47 the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday **voted to reauthorize** the National Oilheat Research Alliance (NORA) for **ten years**. NORA was part of the 2018 Farm Bill and the House vote followed Senate approval of the legislation by a vote of 87 to 13. The Farm Bill now heads to the President's desk for signature.



"This action by Congress should be applauded," said MEMA Board Member and New England Fuel Institute Government Affairs Committee Chairman Scott E. MacFarlane, MacFarlane Energy. "With long-term funding certainty, NORA can now focus entirely on consumer education, ushering-in a new generation of cleaner-burning fuels and efficient heating systems, and the development of a well-educated workforce for our industry."

"I want to thank key members of our Board, my colleagues at NEFI, the Petroleum Marketers Association of America and the five other state associations in the region for their collective work to reinstate NORA," said MEMA President Michael Ferrante. "And it's also very important to recognize the generous, voluntary financial support from many on MEMA's Board who made it possible for the association to contribute substantially to fund the lobbying efforts to secure NORA's passage," Michael said.