I voted Yes on H.R. 6582, the American Energy Manufacturing Technical Corrections Act.

The bill makes several technical corrections to and clarifies federal energy-efficiency standards implemented in the 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act for water heaters, air conditioners, residential ventilation units and commercial refrigerators. For example, it allows for the inclusion of walk-in cooler and freezer units that are more energy efficient than systems that are currently required. Additionally, the bill directs the Department of Energy to form research and development partnerships to focus on early-stage energy efficiency development, and particularly commercial development of these technologies.

I supported H.R. 6582 because it takes commonsense steps to improve and update federal efficiency standards, and many aspects of this bill are supported by manufacturing, consumer and environmental groups alike.

The bill was approved by a vote of 398 – 2 – 1.