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The additive energy, $E(A)$, and the additive doubling, $\sigma(A)$, are two measures of the additive structure of a finite set. An elementary estimate shows $E(A) \geq \frac{1}{\sigma(A)}$ and in general the energy may be significantly larger than $\frac{1}{\sigma(A)}$. We show that one can always find a set A' , closely related to A , so that $E(A') \geq \frac{1}{\sigma(A)^{1-\epsilon}}$ for a universal $\epsilon > 0$. (Received February 12, 2008)