



Consumer Federation of America

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Via email

April 9, 2019

To: Senator Susan Sosnowski, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Environment and Agriculture
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI

RE: Support for S552 –The Appliance and Equipment Energy and Water Efficiency Standards of 2019

Dear Chairperson Sosnowski and Honorable Members of the Committee:

The Consumer Federation of America (CFA) is writing in regards to S552, legislation relating to energy and water efficiency standards. CFA is an association of more than 250 nonprofit consumer organizations, with members in Connecticut, that was established in 1968 to advance the consumer interest through research, advocacy, and education. We have advocated for over two decades for cost-effective energy and water efficiency standards on the federal and state levels as they benefit consumers in the form of lower utility bills.

We strongly support S552, which establishes energy and water efficiency standards to protect consumers. The bill, which includes standards for common household products such as computers and computer monitors, lighting products, portable air conditioners, showerheads and faucets, is a great opportunity to reduce energy and water waste, lower consumer utility bills, and cut emissions.

If S552 is adopted, according to recent data provided by the Appliance Standards Awareness Project, Rhode Island consumers and businesses would save \$23 million per year on utility bills by 2025 through reduced consumption, and these savings will grow to \$48 million by 2035.

Passing this legislation is a win-win-win for Rhode Island--it will cut energy and water waste, save consumers and businesses money, and reduce greenhouse gases. CFA urges you to adopt this beneficial, pro-consumer bill. We applaud your efforts to advance

energy and water efficiency and to protect Rhode Island consumers and businesses from paying higher utility costs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mel Hall-Crawford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A" at the end.

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