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Via email

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Honorable Reuven Carlyle
Chair, Washington Senate Energy, Environment, and Technology Committee
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Honorable Doug Ericksen
Ranking Member, Washington Senate Environment, Energy, and Technology Committee
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RE: Support of SB 5115, An Act Relating to appliance efficiency standards

Dear Senators Carlyle, Ericksen and Honorable Members of the Committee:

The Consumer Federation of America (CFA) is writing in regards to SB 5115, legislation relating to energy efficiency standards. CFA is an association of more than 250 nonprofit consumer organizations that was established in 1968 to advance the consumer interest through research, advocacy, and education. It has long advocated for cost-effective energy and water efficiency standards as they benefit consumers through lower utility bills.

We strongly support SB 5115, through which the state of Washington would update or establish energy and water efficiency standards to protect consumers. The bill, which includes standards for common household products such as computers, monitors, faucets, and showerheads is an excellent opportunity to reduce energy and water waste, lower consumer utility bills, and cut emissions.

If SB 5115 is adopted, data provided by the Appliance Standards Awareness Project show the 15 year cumulative savings for Washington consumers and businesses to be:

- \$2 billion of net cost savings
- Close to 10 million megawatt-hours of electricity
- 20.5 million therms of natural gas
- 149 billion gallons of water
- Almost 6 million metric tons of carbon

Passing this legislation is a win-win-win for Washington. SB 5115 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 and to forge the way for the state of Washington to be a leader on energy efficiency.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mel Hall-Crawford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mel Hall-Crawford
Director of Energy Programs
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cc: Representative Joe Fitzgibbon
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