



## Consumer Federation of America

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Via email

March 4, 2019

To: Senator Norman Needleman and Representative David Arconti  
Honorable Members of the Energy and Technology Committee  
Connecticut State House, Hartford CT

RE: Support for HB 7151, An Act Concerning Energy Efficiency Standards

The Consumer Federation of America (CFA) is writing in regards to HB 7151, legislation relating to energy efficiency standards. CFA is an association of more than 250 nonprofit consumer organizations, including members in Connecticut, that was established in 1968 to advance the consumer interest through research, advocacy, and education. We have long advocated for cost-effective energy and water efficiency standards on the federal and state levels as they benefit consumers through lower utility bills.

We strongly support HB 7151, which updates or establishes energy and water efficiency standards to protect consumers. The bill, which includes standards for common household products such as computers, lighting products, portable air conditioners, air purifiers, showerheads and faucets, is a great opportunity to reduce energy and water waste, lower consumer utility bills, and cut emissions.

If HB 7151 is adopted, according to data provided by the Appliance Standards Awareness Project, Connecticut consumers and businesses would save \$80 million per year on utility bills with reduced consumption, and these savings will grow to \$170 million by 2035.

Passing this legislation is a win-win-win for Connecticut--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 and enable the state of Connecticut to join with other states in protecting consumers from paying higher costs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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