



Consumer Federation of America

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Via email

March 6, 2019

To: Representative David Bennett, Chairperson
c/o Louis Mansolillo, Committee Clerk
House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI

RE: Support for H5667, Relating to Public Utilities and Carriers –The Energy and Consumer Savings Act of 2005

Dear Chairperson Bennett and Honorable Members of the Committee:

The Consumer Federation of America (CFA) is writing in regards to H5667, 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. 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 H5667, 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 H5667 is adopted, according to data provided by the Appliance Standards Awareness Project, Rhode Island consumers and businesses would save \$21 million per year on utility bills by 2025 through reduced consumption, and these savings will grow to \$46 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 the state of Rhode

Island for continuing to be a leader in advancing energy efficiency and for protecting consumers 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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