



Consumer Federation of America

April 2, 2021

Chair Dallas Harris
Nevada Senate Growth and Infrastructure
Committee

Vice Chair Chris Brooks
Nevada Senate Growth and Infrastructure
Committee

Re: Support for NV Senate Bill 382, a bill relating to utility energy efficiency programs

Dear Chair Harris, Vice Chair Brooks and Members of the Senate Growth and Infrastructure Committee:

The Consumer Federation of America (CFA), established in 1968, is an association of more than 250 nonprofit organizations across the U.S., including Nevada, working to advance the consumer interest through research, advocacy, and education. We write to support SB 382 and its goal of promoting cost-effective utility energy efficiency programs as they provide energy savings to consumers.

By way of background, CFA has long supported cost-effective energy and water efficiency policies and practices, advocating for appliance efficiency standards because of the tremendous consumer benefits they provide. These standards strengthen the minimum energy- and water-saving requirements of home appliances and electronics save consumers money on their utility bills through reduced energy consumption; save water; reduce air pollution from electricity generation; mitigate the risk of electric shortages and blackouts; and drive down utility costs by avoiding the need for costly and unnecessary electric grid investments.

Utility energy efficiency programs play an important role in helping to spur the adoption of these cost-saving standards. They help drive the leading edge of technologies and make efficient products more widely available and accessible, especially among those residential and business consumers who are “hardest to reach.” Thus, state policies outlined in Senate Bill 382, which ensure the availability and expansion of utility energy efficiency programs, are a critical component for realizing the \$2.4 trillion in utility bill savings that will be saved nationally thanks to the implementation of appliance standards through 2035. For Nevada alone, the net present value of these savings is \$18.9 billion.

Expanding the state’s energy efficiency programs is a win-win-win for Nevada. It will cut energy and water waste, save consumers and businesses money, and reduce greenhouse gases. CFA urges you to consider the consumer benefits that efficiency programs provide and to forge the way for the state of Nevada to be a leader on energy efficiency.

Thank you for your consideration and for your work to advance energy efficiency in the state of Nevada.

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 "M" and a long, sweeping tail that ends in a sharp hook.

Mel Hall-Crawford
Director of Energy Programs
Consumer Federation of America