



Consumer Federation of America

May 18, 2022

RE: Support for New York Bill S.7176 and A.8143-A, Bills Relating to Energy Efficiency Standards

Dear Members of the New York State Legislature:

The Consumer Federation of America (CFA) is writing in support of S.7176, and A.8143-A, the Advanced Building Codes and Appliance Standards Act. We are pleased both chambers passed legislation that will benefit consumers and help protect them from higher utility bills.

By way of background, 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 at the state and federal levels as they benefit consumers through lower utility bills.

We support S.7176 and A.8143-A, which would adopt energy efficiency standards for common household products, including air purifiers, computers and monitors, faucets, showerheads, portable air conditioners, and televisions standards. The proposed product and appliance standards will deliver a projected \$15 billion of total utility bill savings by 2035 for New York consumers, including an estimated \$6 billion in total utility bill savings for low- to moderate-income households. The standards will also help New York meet its climate goals, as the standards have the potential to deliver the reduction of over 36 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions over the lifetime of measures in place by 2030 - equivalent to removing an average of half a million cars from the road each year.

Passing this legislation is a win-win-win for New York – it will cut energy and water waste, save consumers and businesses money, and reduce greenhouse gases. CFA urges you to pass a same-as version of these beneficial, pro-consumer bills – it would demonstrate New York's commitment to being a leader in energy and water efficiency.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Eckman

Energy Advocate

reckman@consumerfed.org