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**Statement of Courtney Griffin,
Director of Consumer Product Safety
for Consumer Federation of America
before the Connecticut Joint Energy and Technology Committee
in Support of SB 1352, An Act Promoting Energy Efficiency**

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Dear Members of the Connecticut Joint Energy and Technology Committee:

My name is Courtney Griffin, and I am the Director of Consumer Product Safety for the Consumer Federation of America (CFA). Founded in 1968, CFA is one of the nation's largest consumer organizations working in the consumer interest through research, advocacy and education. CFA represents over 200 national, state and local groups. For more than 20 years, CFA has supported and promoted cost-effective energy and water efficiency policies and practices at the federal, state and local levels. I am submitting testimony on behalf of CFA in strong support of SB 1352, "An Act Promoting Energy Efficiency." This bill represents a crucial step towards a more sustainable and cost-effective future for Connecticut residents.

SB 1352's numerous benefits to consumers include:

1. **Lower energy costs.** By updating energy efficiency standards for appliances, this bill will help reduce energy consumption, leading to lower utility bills for households across the state. The Appliance Standards Awareness Project estimates that the potential annual utility bill savings in Connecticut for commercial dishwashers, commercial fryers, commercial ovens, commercial steam cookers, faucets, gas fireplaces, high CRI fluorescent lamps, portable electric spas, inline residential ventilating fans, shower heads, and water coolers will total \$45 million in 2030 and \$110 million in 2040.
2. **Public health benefits.** Promoting energy efficiency and sustainability also has significant public health benefits, including improved air quality, which benefits all Connecticut residents. For example, the Appliance Standards Awareness Project estimates that the potential annual CO₂ reduction in Connecticut for commercial



dishwashers, commercial fryers, commercial ovens, commercial steam cookers, faucets, gas fireplaces, high CRI fluorescent lamps, portable electric spas, inline residential ventilating fans, shower heads, and water coolers will total 34,000 metric tons in 2030 and 81,000 metric tons in 2040. The Appliance Standards Awareness Project further estimates potential NO_x reductions from the same list of products will total 33 tons in 2030 and 76 tons in 2040.

3. **Support for low and moderate-income households.** We strongly support efforts to support low and moderate-income household through proposed programs.

As a consumer group, we support Bill No. 1352 because it aligns with Connecticut's goals to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse emissions while addressing the pressing need for energy affordability. We urge you to support the legislation to ensure a more energy-efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable future for all Connecticut residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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