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**Statement of Courtney Griffin,
Director of Consumer Product Safety
for Consumer Federation of America
before the Pennsylvania House Energy Committee
in Support of HB 660**

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Dear Members of the House Energy 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 HB 660, "An Act providing for minimum energy and water efficiency standards for certain products sold in this Commonwealth." This bill represents a crucial step towards a more sustainable and cost-effective future for Pennsylvania residents.

SB 660'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 Commonwealth. The Appliance Standards Awareness Project estimates that the potential annual utility bill savings in Pennsylvania for commercial dishwashers, commercial fryers, commercial ovens, commercial steam cookers, faucets, gas fireplaces, high CRI fluorescent lamps, portable electric spas, residential ventilating fans, sewer power supplies, shower heads, spray sprinkler bodies, water closets, urinals, and water coolers will total \$154 million in 2030 and \$478 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 Pennsylvania residents. For example, the Appliance Standards Awareness Project estimates that



the potential annual CO₂ reduction in Pennsylvania for commercial dishwashers, commercial fryers, commercial ovens, commercial steam cookers, faucets, gas fireplaces, high CRI fluorescent lamps, portable electric spas, residential ventilating fans, sewer power supplies, shower heads, spray sprinkler bodies, water closets, urinals, and water coolers will total 184,000 metric tons in 2030 and 483,000 metric tons in 2040. The Appliance Standards Awareness Project further estimates potential NO_x reductions from the same list of products will total 97 tons in 2030 and 278 tons in 2040.

As a consumer group, we support HB 660 because it will reduce energy consumption and address 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 Pennsylvania residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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