

**Statement of Courtney Griffin,  
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for Consumer Federation of America  
in Support of HP 763/LD 1158:  
An Act to Expand Appliance Energy and Water Standards**

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Senator Denise Tepler, Representative Victoria Doudera, and members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

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 HP 763/LD 1158, "An Act to Expand Appliance Energy and Water Standards." This bill represents a crucial step towards a more sustainable and cost-effective future for Maine residents.

HP 763/LD 1158'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 Maine. The Appliance Standards Awareness Project estimates that the potential annual utility bill savings in Maine for commercial battery chargers, commercial dishwashers, commercial fryers, commercial ovens, commercial steam cookers, gas fireplaces, residential ventilating fans, and server power supplies will total \$69 million in 2030 through 2050.
2. **Environmental and public health benefits.** Appliance standards enhance the efficiency of both residential and commercial products, leading to energy savings. This helps lower climate-changing emissions and reduces other environmental impacts linked to the production, distribution, and use of electricity, natural gas, and other fuels. Additionally, it helps conserve fresh water supplies, easing the strain caused by both short- and long-term droughts.



As a consumer group, we support HP 763/LD 1158 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 Maine residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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