

Via Electronic Mail

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Senator Denise Tepler and Representative Victoria Doudera
Co-Chairs of the Committee On Environment and Natural Resources
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

RE: ACT Support for LD 1158- An Act to Expand Appliance Energy and Water Standards

Dear Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and Members of the Committee,

The Alliance for Climate Transition ("ACT") appreciates the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of LD 1158. This legislation would strengthen energy efficiency standards and advance the cost-effective achievement of Maine's climate commitments.

The Alliance for Climate Transition ("ACT") leads the just, equitable, and rapid transition to a clean energy future and a diverse climate economy. ACT is the only organization in the Northeast that covers all of the clean energy market segments, representing the business perspectives of investors and clean energy companies across every stage of development. Our 300+ members include companies based in Maine, doing business, or hoping to make future investments in the state.

Energy savings, achieved through the reduction of energy consumption, translate directly to permanent cost savings and emission reductions for Maine residents. The [Appliance Standards Awareness Project](#) estimates that the implementation of LD 1158 could save millions of dollars and, since the median payback period for these higher-quality appliances is less than one year, customers would feel the savings soon after purchase. Additionally, avoided use of energy results in a decreased reliance on fossil fuels, which helps the state move towards its climate goals.

Appliance standards should be regularly updated to ensure that customers are presented with the most efficient technologies available. In a moment when the federal government walks away from policies that help consumers, states must lead. This bill would require that appliances in Maine meet a level of efficiency that is consistent with standards proven across other leading jurisdictions. We respectfully request that the Committee support this bill.

Sincerely,



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