



Testimony in support of LD 1158: An Act to Expand Appliance Energy and Water Standards

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I'm writing to urge you to vote in support of LD 1158: An Act to Expand Appliance Energy and Water Standards, which would save energy and reduce pollution by setting a minimum level of energy and water efficiency for certain household and commercial products.

By implementing energy and water efficiency standards for the eight products covered in the bill on the timeline proposed, Mainers would prevent 2 billion gallons of water from going wasted between now and 2050. Maine could also prevent 286 tons of nitrogen oxide pollution and 3 tons of sulfur dioxide pollution from getting into our environment by 2050 by enacting this policy, according to analysis from the Appliance Standards Awareness Project.

Adopting appliance efficiency standards in Maine is a common-sense opportunity to reduce energy waste and make progress towards a greener healthier future.

By enacting these standards, Maine will join Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Colorado, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, and Hawaii in adopting these product efficiency standards.

I hope you will vote "aye" in support of LD 1158 to reduce pollution and protect public health.

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