

Via Electronic Mail

March 29, 2021

The Honorable Stacy Brenner, Chair
Committee on Environment & Natural Resources
Maine Senate
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

The Honorable Ralph Tucker, Chair
Committee on Environment & Natural Resources
Maine House of Representatives
3 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: Northeast Clean Energy Council Testimony on LD 940 – An Act to Establish Appliance Energy and Water Standards

Dear Chair Brenner and Chair Tucker,

The Northeast Clean Energy Council (“Council”) appreciates the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding LD 940 – An Act to Establish Appliance Energy and Water Standards. The Council strongly supports this legislation that would strengthen energy efficiency standards and advance the cost-effective achievement of Maine’s climate commitments.

The Council is a clean energy business, policy, and innovation organization whose mission is to create a world-class clean energy hub in the Northeast, delivering global impact with economic, energy and environmental solutions. The Council 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. The Council members span the broad spectrum of the clean energy industry, including clean transportation, energy efficiency, wind, solar, energy storage, microgrids, fuel cells, and advanced and “smart” technologies.

Energy efficiency is a critical initiative for meeting our climate commitments by reducing the amount of kilowatt-hours used for residential, commercial, and industrial purposes. Each avoided kilowatt-hour represents tangible cost and emissions savings to Maine residents. As appliances and technologies become more efficient, standards should be updated to ensure that customers are presented with the most efficient options available. This bill would simply require that the choices presented to customers meet a level of efficiency that is consistent with proven standards across other leading jurisdictions. We respectfully request that the Committee support this bill.

Sincerely,



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