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The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Re: Approval of A. 10439/S. 9405 Advanced Building Codes, Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2022

Dear Governor Hochul,

On behalf of the below signed organizations, we respectfully urge you to sign legislation (A. 10439/S. 9405), which would remove barriers in the energy law that impede the adoption of updates to the State Energy Conservation Construction Code (Energy Code). These updates are needed to align the Energy Code with the clean energy and climate policy goals of New York State set under the CLCPA.

The Advanced Building Codes, Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2022 updates the mechanics for establishing the next state building code; incorporating life cycle cost analysis, and including greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the cost-effectiveness analysis. It also removes automatic exemptions from the code, requiring instead that the Code Council determine if any exceptions should be included. Improved product and appliance standards based on these changes is expected to reduce utility bills by an estimated \$15 billion by 2035, and GHG emissions by 36 mmtCO_{2e}, by 2030.

A. 10439/S. 9405 will yield enormous cost and GHG savings with new energy and water standards for appliances and products; including commonly used products such as televisions, computers and lighting used to illuminate large public areas. This bill is a cost-effective approach to helping achieve the goals already included in the CLCPA. We therefore respectfully urge you to sign A. 10439/S. 9405, which is now on your desk, and we welcome the opportunity to discuss this legislation further.

Sincerely,

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