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Dear Members of the New York State Legislature:

Thank you for passing S.7176 and A.8143-A, the Advanced Building Codes and Appliance Standards Act. Since the bills are slightly different, we are writing to ask that you expeditiously pass a same-as bill and deliver it to the Governor for her signature. A chaptered Advanced Building Codes and Appliance Standards Act will deliver \$15 billion in utility bill savings for New Yorkers, with \$6 billion of those savings for low- and moderate-income households.

We would like to thank the Assembly for including language in A.8143-A to harmonize the bill with CLCPA requirements by considering co-pollutants and their impacts, and by including consultation with and outreach to Disadvantaged Communities.

We ask that you include the president of the New York Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) on the State Fire Prevention and Codes Council in the final bill. Out of all our State agencies, NYSERDA has the most expertise in energy efficiency, building design and construction. It is for this reason that NYSERDA should be placed on the Codes Council.

The Climate Law requires the state to reduce our energy usage by 185 trillion British thermal units (Btu) by 2025. The energy efficiency savings in this bill will deliver an estimated 15 trillion Btus of those savings. This energy reduction will also significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

The following are the utility bill savings from just updating the appliance efficiency standards in the bill by product type:

- Air purifiers - \$645 million
 - Computers and monitors -\$161 million
 - Televisions - \$322 million
 - Faucets - \$2.4 billion
 - General service lamps (non-specialty lighting) - \$3 billion
- Updated appliance efficiency standards will also save 164,000 MWh of electricity, more electricity than the entire state of New York used in 2020.
 - The greenhouse gas savings are equivalent to taking 3,700,000 cars off the road for a year.

We would be joining 11 other states that have already passed updated appliance standards. These products are already being made and are on the market. New York needs a law that updates our standards to ensure that our consumers are not stuck buying energy hogging products. The bill will make it easier for consumers to get better performance with energy and cost savings automatically, without having to spend the time researching the best products. And as we've seen this past winter, delivering built-in energy savings is even more important as our energy costs have increased.

Please pass a same-as bill for the Advanced Building Codes and Appliance Standards Act (S.7176/A.8143-A), and deliver these impressive energy bill reductions for all New Yorkers.

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