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Secretary Perry,

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the bipartisan organization representing the legislatures of our nation's states, territories, and commonwealths, recently held its 2017 Legislative Summit. After significant discussion and debate, the full conference adopted a policy position concerning national appliance efficiency standards. Included below is a summary of the policy with a copy attached.

National Appliance Efficiency Standards

Federal energy efficiency standards for appliances, equipment, and lighting protect consumers and are cost-effective means to reduce energy and water waste, lower utility bills and decrease pollutants and atmospheric emissions including greenhouse gasses. The standards create a national market place and help stimulate innovative technologies which are beneficial to American manufacturers in a competitive global environment. NCSL urges full funding of DOE's Office of Energy and Renewable Energy to continue the program, and calls on DOE to amend standards when they are technically feasible, economically justified, and do not eliminate consumer choice of multiple efficient technologies as stipulated by law and in accordance with the review schedule dictated by Congress.

We welcome the opportunity to work with DOE on areas of shared concern for both the states and the federal government. Additional information on NCSL's energy-related positions can be found in the attached policy document.

Please contact NCSL staff, Ben Husch (ben.husch@ncsl.org) and Kristen Hildreth (kristen.hildreth@ncsl.org) with any additional questions.

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Sincerely,



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