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Secretary Rick Perry
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), the bipartisan organization representing the legislatures of our nation's states, territories, and commonwealths, recently held its 2018 Legislative Summit. As you will recall, last October we wrote to the Department of Energy (DOE) regarding the adoption of the national appliance efficiency standards policy resolution. After significant discussion and debate, the full conference readopted that policy position, which is summarized below.

National Appliance Efficiency Standards

Federal energy efficiency standards for appliances, equipment, and lighting protect consumers are a 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 that 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.

In addition to the issue mentioned above, NCSL has many other existing policy positions that fall under the purview of DOE, including:

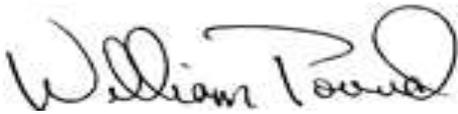
National Energy—NCSL urges the federal government to continue working cooperatively with state, local and tribal governments to develop, implement and maintain an expansive, integrated, environmentally-sensitive and cost-effective national energy policy.

Energy Security—NCSL urges Congress to direct the U.S. Department of Energy through the national laboratories and technology centers to develop a national energy strategy for moving the United States toward independence from non-North American energy sources.

[Radio Active Waste Management](#)—NCSL urges the federal government to work with NCSL and similar organizations to ensure that state legislators are included in all aspects of nuclear waste management strategies.

For more information or if you have any follow up questions, please contact NCSL staff Ben Husch (ben.husch@ncsl.org) and Kristen Hildreth (kristen.hildreth@ncsl.org). We welcome the opportunity to work with DOE on areas of shared interest for both the states and the federal government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William T. Pound". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "W".

William T. Pound
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Enclosure
[National Appliance Efficiency Standards Resolution](#)