



TESTIMONY **IN SUPPORT OF SB 863**
AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

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To: Honored Co-Chairs Sen. Needleman and Rep. Arconti, and Distinguished Members of the Energy & Technology Committee

From: Lori Brown, Executive Director, Connecticut League of Conservation Voters

On behalf of the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters (CTLCV), thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **IN SUPPORT of SB 863** to expand energy and water efficiency standards.

SB 863 makes it easy to choose the right appliances to save water, energy, and money. Efficiency is the simplest way to save energy and end reliance on polluting fossil fuels. The more efficient the appliance, the less energy used, and the more money saved

The standards proposed in SB 863 will provide utility bill savings for consumers and businesses, while also protecting customers from energy waste. **According to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), these new standards could save enough electricity to power 13,000 homes in Connecticut by 2026, save 2.1 billion gallons of water equivalent to the consumption of 62,000 homes, and by 2035 the savings from these standards will grow to \$169 million annually.**

SB 863 is a logical and much needed step in the right direction for Connecticut residents to make informed decisions on appliances that will help them lower their energy and water consumption and save money.

CTLCV urges the committee to **SUPPORT SB 863** to expand energy and water efficiency standards. Thank you for your consideration as you deliberate on this bill.

Sincerely,

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