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Senator Faith Winter, Chair  
Senator Brittany Pettersen, Vice Chair  
Senate Transportation and Energy Committee  
Colorado General Assembly  
200 E Colfax Avenue, Room SCR 352  
Denver, CO 80203

**RE: Support of HB19-1231, New Appliance Energy And Water Efficiency Standards**

Dear Chair Winter, Vice Chair Pettersen, and Honorable Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), I write in support of HB19-1231, New Appliance Energy And Water Efficiency Standards. ACEEE is a nonprofit research organization based in Washington, D.C. that conducts research and analysis on energy efficiency. We have been active on energy efficiency issues at the national, state, and local level for more than three decades, collecting extensive best-practice information on topics including energy efficiency programs and utility business model design.

HB19-1231 updates and expands the state's efficiency standards law, setting up-to-date energy and water efficiency standards for 15 commercial and residential products not already regulated by the federal government. These state-level standards for minimum energy and water efficiency have been projected to result in water and energy bill savings of \$78 million annually by 2025, adding dollars to consumers' pockets and benefiting the economy.

The legislation is also a critical step toward achieving the state's climate goals. By saving energy, state appliance standards also help to avoid the need to build more power plants and help to reduce emissions. HB19-1231 would also help Colorado mitigate future drought risks. The legislation would deliver water savings of more than four billion gallons per year by 2025 and eight billion gallons per year by 2035. And it would help achieve these goals while generating savings for Colorado's families and businesses, delivering \$6.40 in benefits for every \$1 spent.

We urge you to support and work to advance HB19-1231. Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annie Gilleo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Annie Gilleo  
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American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy