

United States Senate

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The Honorable Shalanda Young
Director
Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Young,

I am writing to encourage the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to expeditiously review and approve all of the energy efficiency standards for appliances that are currently pending before the agency. These ten standards are the product of robust public engagement with manufacturers and other stakeholders as required by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. Finalizing and implementing these standards will provide an estimated \$8.7 billion in annual consumer and business savings while substantially reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The Department of Energy projects that updates to appliance and equipment efficiency standards advanced by the Biden administration under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act will lead to approximately \$1 trillion in consumer savings and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2.5 billion metric tons over 30 years. While the administration has made tremendous progress toward this target, if the standards that are currently under review languish, the administration would achieve only 85% of the projected greenhouse gas reduction goal, according to an estimate by the Appliance Standards Awareness Project. The administration still has the opportunity to meet the emissions reduction goal and provide enduring energy savings for businesses and consumers by finalizing the energy efficiency standards for commercial and industrial fans, motors, battery chargers, ceiling fans, dehumidifiers and other equipment pending before OMB.

Approving these efficiency standards as quickly as possible maximizes benefits to consumers, businesses and the environment. If approved, these standards are projected to provide more than \$8.7 billion in annualized savings and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by more than 850 million metric tons. Many of these standards enjoy strong manufacturer support.

Appliance and equipment energy standards are critical to saving constituents and businesses in my state money on their energy bills, while driving innovation in the marketplace and reducing greenhouse gas emissions to mitigate the effects of climate change. In light of these benefits, I urge you to prioritize reviewing and approving these efficiency standards.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



Jeanne Shaheen
United States Senator