

OPPOSE PERRY AMENDMENT #63

Dear Colleague:

Please join us in opposing Perry amendment #63 which would roll back consensus efficiency gains for residential air conditioners and heat pumps.

In April of this year, after review by the Administration, the U.S. Department of Energy confirmed updated energy efficiency standards for central air conditioners and heat pumps originally issued in 2016. The new standards are the result of a consensus agreement between manufacturers, utilities, efficiency advocates, state officials, DOE and others reached last year after months of negotiations. The Perry amendment would undermine this agreement, and for the following reasons, we ask you to oppose:

1. **Testing requirements from the negotiated agreement have already taken effect and manufacturers have already re-tested products to meet the updated specifications.** U.S. manufacturers have already made investments to meet the new requirements. That's why the agreement remains supported by the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI), which represents manufacturers producing air-conditioners and heat pumps and was part of the negotiated agreement. *AHRI is opposed to the Perry amendment.*
2. **This consensus agreement will save consumers money and reduce pollution.** These standards are projected to save the average household up to \$150 in energy costs over the life of a central air conditioner, \$131 in energy costs over the life of a heat pump, and will save enough electricity nationally over the next three decades to power 28 million U.S. households for a year. *The agreement is supported by efficiency advocates such as ACEEE and the Alliance to Save Energy.*
3. **Defunding the test procedure will prevent implementation of this agreement.** Test procedures are simple, and important. DOE develops them to make sure companies are rating their products accurately so consumers don't get stuck paying higher bills than they expect. By barring the test procedure from being funded, the Perry amendment will entirely prevent the final energy conservation standard from being properly implemented and disrupt the industry's adoption of the efficiency standard.
4. **DOE has a robust waiver process in place.** If there is a particular company who is unfairly impacted by these rules, there are outlets for regulatory relief. The Department of Energy can and often does provide waivers in certain circumstances. This amendment ignores that option and overturns an entire market instead.

To protect American manufacturers, save Americans money on their utility bills, and reduce air pollution, we strongly oppose this amendment and urge our colleagues to vote no.

Sincerely,

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