H. R. 7700
[Report No. 118–455]

To prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for dishwashers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2024
Mr. LANGWORTHY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

APRIL 10, 2024
Additional sponsors: Mr. LATTA, Mr. D’ESPOSITO, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. ISSA

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed
A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Stop Unaffordable
Dishwasher Standards Act”.

SEC. 2. PRESCRIBING AND ENFORCING ENERGY CON-
SERVATION STANDARDS FOR DISHWASHERS.

(a) Technologically Feasible and Economically Justified.—Notwithstanding subsections (m),
(n), and (o) of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Con-
servation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy
may not—

(1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
servation standard for a covered product that is a
dishwasher under such section unless the Secretary
of Energy determines that the prescription and im-
position of such energy conservation standard is
technologically feasible and economically justified; or

(2) enforce an energy conservation standard
prescribed under such section for a covered product
that is a dishwasher if the Secretary of Energy de-
termines that enforcement of or compliance with
such energy conservation standard is not techno-
logically feasible or economically justified.
(b) Prohibition on Increased Costs to Consumers.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o) of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

(1) prescribe a new or an amended energy conservation standard for a covered product that is a dishwasher under such section unless the Secretary of Energy determines that the prescription and imposition of such energy conservation standard is not likely to result in additional net costs to the consumer, including any increase in net costs associated with the purchase, installation, maintenance, disposal, and replacement of the covered product; or

(2) enforce an energy conservation standard prescribed under such section for a covered product that is a dishwasher if the Secretary of Energy determines that enforcement of or compliance with such energy conservation standard is likely to result in additional net costs to the consumer, including any increase in net costs associated with the purchase, installation, maintenance, disposal, and replacement of the covered product.

(e) Significant Energy Savings Requirement.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o) of
section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

(1) prescribe a new or an amended energy conservation standard for a covered product that is a dishwasher under such section if the Secretary of Energy determines that the prescription and imposition of such energy conservation standard will not result in significant conservation of energy; or

(2) enforce an energy conservation standard prescribed under such section for a covered product that is a dishwasher if the Secretary of Energy determines that enforcement of or compliance with such energy conservation standard will not result in significant conservation of energy.

(d) COVERED PRODUCT; ENERGY CONSERVATION STANDARD.—In this section, the terms “covered product” and “energy conservation standard” have the meanings given such terms in section 321 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6291).
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