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**California Efficiency + Demand Management Council Oral Testimony to the
Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee Hearing
Regarding SB 1063
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Chair Hueso and Members of the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee:

My name is Greg Wikler and I am the Executive Director of the California Energy Efficiency and Demand Management Council. I'm here in support of Senate Bill 1063.

The Council is a non-utility trade association representing more than 50 companies that design, implement, maintain, and evaluate energy efficiency and demand response and employ thousands of people who play an important role in California's economy. Recent estimates put that number at more than 300,000 Californians that are employed in the industry that we represent.

California's current appliance standards process requires strict waiting periods before new technology standards are adopted. SB 1063 will help California access new and more efficient technologies faster by allowing new appliance standards to be applied sooner, if the CEC makes a "good cause" finding that accelerated adoption is warranted. SB 1063 would preserve the strict one-year delay in most situations and would allow the CEC to most effectively assist in meeting the state's climate goals, grid reliability concerns, and mandates.

We believe there are sufficient safeguards in the bill to allay manufacturer concerns that the shorter timeframes will limit customer choice. This bill helps accelerate the time during which new clean appliance technologies can be made available to the public and thus helps California's homeowners and businesses use less energy and water and meaningfully contribute to our collective fight against climate change.

The Council applauds the author and her staff for their focus on overcoming critical barriers to new technology adoption and actualizing the state's laudable goals.

For these reasons, I encourage your "aye" vote. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak in support of SB 1063.