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Joint Statement on NY Legislature Passing the Advanced Building Codes, Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2022

June 6, 2022, Albany, NY – In a joint statement by several organizations working to **support** the **Advanced Building Codes, Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2022**, we would like to thank the Senate and Assembly for passing this bill on June 3. We would also like thank them for including language to harmonize the bill with Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) requirements by considering co-pollutants and their impacts, and by including consultation with and outreach to Disadvantaged Communities.

Statements:

“The Alliance for Clean Energy NY (ACE NY) is elated that the Legislature passed the Advanced Building Codes, Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2022,” said **Deb Peck Kelleher, Policy Analysis and Operations Director at ACE NY**. “The bill will save New Yorkers billions of dollars in their electric bills, make new homes cheaper to heat and cool, and reduce our climate emissions.”

“We applaud the legislature for passing this foundational legislation improving energy efficiency and updating appliance standards resulting in over \$15 billion in utility bill savings for New Yorkers,” said **Lisa Dix, New York Director of the Building Decarbonization Coalition**. “Buildings are the largest source of climate pollution in New York and this common-sense step will reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in our built environment for decades to come.”

“Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) commends the Legislature’s passage of the Advanced Codes and Appliance Standards Act, as a foundational step towards addressing emissions from buildings, the largest source of greenhouse gasses in New York,” said **Samantha Wilt, Senior Policy Analyst at NRDC**. “Better appliances will save New Yorkers billions of dollars and prevent millions of tons of climate and air pollution, and better building codes will make our new homes healthier, more comfortable, and climate-friendly for many decades to come.”

"At a time when so many New Yorkers are struggling to pay their utility bills and the climate forecast grows increasingly dire, it is heartening that the NYS Legislature passed the Advanced Building Codes, Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act to address both crises," said **Betta Broad, Director of Advocacy & Organizing at the Association for Energy Affordability**. "By including key components so that building codes factor in greenhouse gas emissions and NY's appliance standards become more comprehensive, we will take a critical step in achieving our climate goals and save New Yorkers over \$15 billion on their energy bills by 2035."

"When New Yorkers hear 'updated building codes' or 'improved appliance standards' they don't generally think that they will be saving millions, but that is exactly what is going to happen if this bill is signed into law. We commend the Legislature for stepping up and aligning building codes with the climate law and we urge the Governor to improve indoor air by signing this bill," said **Conor Bambrick, Director of Climate Policy at Environmental Advocates NY**.

"Stronger energy efficiency standards for buildings and appliances deliver a victory for the climate as well as for every consumer who will save money on their utility bills," said **Julie Tighe, President of the New York League of Conservation Voters**. "New Yorkers should not have to put up with inefficient buildings and products that waste money and energy when efficient technology crucial to our emission reduction goals is available and affordable. NYLCV thanks Senator Parker and Assemblymember Fahy for sponsoring and fighting for this legislation."

The Act would update the State Energy Code to allow the Code Council to determine Code exceptions and provide for the use of life-cycle cost analysis that includes climate warming emissions in the cost effectiveness consideration. The bill would also expand the list of appliances and products that need to meet energy efficiency standards, allow NYSERDA to set these efficiency standards, and the Department of State to enforce them.

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