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Rep. David Arconti, Chair
Sen. Norman Needleman, Chair
Joint Committee on Energy And Technology
Connecticut State Legislature
Legislative Office Building, Room 3900
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: HB 7151- Energy Efficiency Standards

Dear Chairs Arconti and Needleman:

TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of over 80 technology companies that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50 state level. TechNet's diverse membership includes dynamic American businesses ranging from startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents more than three million employees in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, clean energy, gig and sharing economy, venture capital, and finance. TechNet is committed to advancing the public policies and private sector initiatives that make the U.S. the most innovative country in the world.

TechNet respectfully submits comments in opposition to HB 7151 pertaining to energy efficiency standards. TechNet's member companies strive for and pride themselves on offering highly efficient products for consumers and businesses. While we appreciate and support the impetus for this legislation, it would be largely redundant to enact this legislation, particularly in regards to computers and displays. Connecticut is already receiving California compliant products since the industry does not ship specific products to specific states. No additional energy savings would be granted with this legislation. Additionally, this legislation does not take into account any future adjustments California might make in its effort to continue to modernize its regulations. The industry cannot risk having different regulations in different states for the same product.

TechNet believes that Connecticut should rely on voluntary industry standards and existing international and national standards rather than impose state-specific regulations to improve energy efficiency. Industry is unable to support a patchwork quilt of state regulations for products supplied on a national/global scale. Current efficiency standards are already generating significant energy savings and adoptions is widespread across the electronic spectrum.

As such, TechNet respectfully opposes HB 7151. Thank you in advance for your consideration on these matters. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

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