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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

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

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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

3 (a) **TECHNOLOGICALLY FEASIBLE AND ECONOMI-**
4 **CALLY JUSTIFIED.**—Notwithstanding subsections (m),
5 (n), and (o) of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Con-
6 servation Act (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy
7 may not—

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

14 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
15 prescribed under such section for a covered product
16 that is a dishwasher if the Secretary of Energy de-
17 termines that enforcement of or compliance with
18 such energy conservation standard is not techno-
19 logically feasible or economically justified.

20 (b) **PROHIBITION ON INCREASED COSTS TO CON-**
21 **SUMERS.**—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o)
22 of section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
23 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

24 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
25 servation standard for a covered product that is a
26 dishwasher under such section unless the Secretary

1 of Energy determines that the prescription and im-
2 position of such energy conservation standard is not
3 likely to result in additional net costs to the con-
4 sumer, including any increase in net costs associated
5 with the purchase, installation, maintenance, dis-
6 posal, and replacement of the covered product; or

7 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
8 prescribed under such section for a covered product
9 that is a dishwasher if the Secretary of Energy de-
10 termines that enforcement of or compliance with
11 such energy conservation standard is likely to result
12 in additional net costs to the consumer, including
13 any increase in net costs associated with the pur-
14 chase, installation, maintenance, disposal, and re-
15 placement of the covered product.

16 (c) SIGNIFICANT ENERGY SAVINGS REQUIRE-
17 MENT.—Notwithstanding subsections (m), (n), and (o) of
18 section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
19 (42 U.S.C. 6295), the Secretary of Energy may not—

20 (1) prescribe a new or an amended energy con-
21 servation standard for a covered product that is a
22 dishwasher under such section if the Secretary of
23 Energy determines that the prescription and imposi-
24 tion of such energy conservation standard will not
25 result in significant conservation of energy; or

1 (2) enforce an energy conservation standard
2 prescribed under such section for a covered product
3 that is a dishwasher if the Secretary of Energy de-
4 termines that enforcement of or compliance with
5 such energy conservation standard will not result in
6 significant conservation of energy.

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

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