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Natural Resources Canada
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Dear Mr. Singlehurst,

I am writing on behalf of the Pembina Institute in response to the proposed Amendment 17 to the Energy Efficiency Regulations.

The Pembina Institute is a national non-profit clean energy think tank with offices across Canada. We work in clean energy, oil and gas policy, climate policy and energy efficiency, including in building energy performance.

We strongly support Amendment 17 which includes adopting new and raising existing minimum energy performance standards to meet current ENERGY STAR efficiency criteria for appliances such as clothes dryers, clothes washers, dishwashers, refrigerators, and freezers.

Energy efficiency will be key to meeting Canada's net-zero goals. Following the Climate Emergency Declaration, it is paramount that OEE be consequent with this nation-wide priority and promptly adopt higher energy performance standards for appliances. ENERGY STAR level-appliances are broadly available in the North America market, and there is no reason to delay the next step in performance requirements proposed in Amendment 17. Amendment 17 will ensure appliance markets are fair and support Canada's climate targets.

We appreciate your measured consideration and climate-positive decision.

Yours sincerely,

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