MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF
A. 6599 (Simon) / S.31 (Hoylman)
In Relation to Requiring the Use of Energy Star Appliances in Projects Funded by the Dormitory Authority or the NYS Urban Development Corporation

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The Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY) supports S.31 and urges its immediate passage. This bill would require the installation of Energy Star appliances and fixtures in projects that receive funding from the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) or the NYS Urban Development Corporation (UDC).

The purpose of this legislation is to reduce energy use in State funded construction projects. The Energy Star program is a joint program of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy setting strict energy efficiency standards for over 60,000 product models. ENERGY STAR qualified appliances incorporate advanced technologies that use 10-50% less energy and water than standard models. Energy Star products range from appliances, lighting, windows, office equipment, and heating and cooling systems.

This legislation will help New York State reach its energy efficiency goal of reducing projected energy demand by 185 trillion BTU’s by 2025. The installation of energy efficient appliances and products is just one part of the State’s strategy to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. The use of Energy Star products will result in annual savings over their life cycle.

For the above reasons, the Alliance for Clean Energy New York supports this legislation. For more information contact Anne Reynolds, Executive Director, at 518-432-1405.