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Sent by e-mail to MostEfficient@energystar.gov

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Ms. Ann Bailey Director ENERGY STAR Product Labeling U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington DC, 20004

Re: EPA ENERGY STAR Most Efficient Criteria 2024

Dear Ms. Bailey:

Samsung Electronics America, Inc. ("Samsung") respectfully submits the following comments on the proposed ENERGY STAR Most Efficient Criteria for 2024.

Samsung is one of the leading home appliance brands in the U.S. and we are committed to providing energy efficient product options to U.S. consumers. Samsung has won the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award for Sustained Excellence ten times, including in 2023, and in 2021 we won the ENERGY STAR Corporate Commitment Award – a rare and distinguished recognition. Samsung has also won several ENERGY STAR Emerging Technology Awards, including the 2021-2022 Award for Induction Cooking Tops, 2020 Award for Advanced Adaptive Compressors, 2017 Award for Innovative Refrigerant Systems, and 2013 Award for Advanced Clothes Dryers.

Certification Criteria

Samsung supports EPA's revised criteria for dishwashers and clothes dryers and welcomes the extension of the 2023 efficiency criteria into 2024 for other product categories. For dishwashers, EPA has referenced that there are 20 base models from 8 brands that meet this proposal. For clothes dryers 21 base models from 8 brands, representing both heat pump and hybrid heat pump technologies, meet the proposed criteria. The proposals for both of these product categories are achievable and should be recognized for their increase in efficiency.

The Most Efficient recognition as a way of identifying the top-tier products with excellent energy efficiency. We believe the Most Efficient recognition is important to incentivize innovation and further advance energy efficiency for consumers who are specifically seeking very high efficiency products. Samsung is proud to offer clothes washers and dryers, refrigerators, and dishwashers recognized as Most Efficient 2023.

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Samsung appreciates the opportunity to comment on EPA's proposed ENERGY STAR Most Efficient 2024 Criteria. Samsung is a proud and longstanding partner of the ENERGY STAR program and we strongly support the Most Efficient recognition. We would gladly welcome the opportunity to discuss these matters further.

Respectfully submitted,

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