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The Honorable Bonnie Watson Coleman
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Watson Coleman:

On behalf of our low-income clients, we thank you for introducing H.R. 7949, the Stay Cool Act. Since 1969, the nonprofit [National Consumer Law Center® \(NCLC®\)](#) has worked for consumer justice and economic security for low-income and other disadvantaged people in the U.S. through its expertise in policy analysis and advocacy, publications, litigation, expert witness services, and training.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the Department of Commerce, this July was the third hottest on record with extreme heat events around the country.¹ According to recent reporting, these searing summer temperatures are becoming more and more common.² The Stay Cool Act provides a suite of approaches to help communities adapt to these rising temperatures to protect the health and safety of those most vulnerable to extreme heat events, including seniors, and overburdened communities, and households in subsidized housing.

Thank you for your leadership in protecting the health and safety of our most vulnerable members of society with H.R. 7949, the Stay Cool Act.

Sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.noaa.gov/stories/july-2022-was-third-hottest-on-record-for-us>

² <https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/interactive/2022/extreme-heat-risk-map-us/>