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Dear ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> Manufacturing Partner:

This year, ENERGY STAR celebrates 10 years of protecting the environment by saving energy. In one decade, ENERGY STAR has become the national symbol for energy efficiency, recognized by more than 40% of the American public. This tremendous success—due in part to your efforts—sets the stage for many new opportunities for the program and its partners in the years ahead.

In order to remain a trusted and influential symbol in the marketplace and to protect the investment partners have made in the program, ENERGY STAR must consistently deliver on all of its promises. Accordingly, EPA and DOE are enhancing their efforts to ensure that all products bearing the label truly meet ENERGY STAR performance specifications. In July, EPA and DOE will initiate a compliance testing initiative involving a small sample of qualified products. The goal of this testing initiative is to identify potential compliance problems and set in motion a review process to ensure manufacturers take corrective measures as appropriate. Please note that appliances and windows will not be targeted for testing through the initiative at this time. Further, the ENERGY STAR compliance testing initiative is distinct and separate from the Program for the Evaluation and Analysis of Residential Lighting (PEARL). PEARL is an independent organization whose testing program focuses on the performance of ENERGY STAR labeled Residential Light Fixtures (RLF) and Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs).

As you know, under the terms of the ENERGY STAR Partnership Agreement (and the Memorandum of Understanding that preceded it), EPA and DOE are allowed to conduct tests on qualifying models. Throughout this testing process, it is EPA and DOE's intent to maintain an open dialogue with partners and other stakeholders. Prior to any testing, partners whose products have been selected will be notified in writing that testing will occur within a specified time frame. As part of the notification process, partners also will be provided with more detailed information summarizing the testing process. Below are a few important points:

- An independent laboratory will conduct product testing.
- Testing will be performed in accordance with the ENERGY STAR Testing Guidelines.
- Due to limited resources, only a sample of models from several product categories (to be announced) will be selected for testing on an annual basis.

Once testing is completed, partners will be notified in writing of test results for their products. If a compliance test indicates that a product fails to meet the relevant specification, EPA and DOE will request that the partner take corrective actions or submit data to verify compliance.

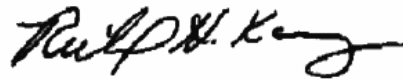
The ENERGY STAR label makes it easy for consumers to choose energy-efficient products. It is our shared goal, and in our mutual interests, to ensure that the ENERGY STAR product performance that consumers expect is consistently being delivered. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support of the ENERGY STAR compliance testing initiative. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Andrew Fanara at (202) 564-9019 or [fanara.andrew@epa.gov](mailto:fanara.andrew@epa.gov). Alternatively, you can contact Robin Clark with ICF Consulting at (202) 862-1223 or [rclark@icfconsulting.com](mailto:rclark@icfconsulting.com).

As always, we appreciate your continued participation in ENERGY STAR and look forward to our continued success over the coming years.

Sincerely,



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