

August 16, 2013

The Honorable Ernest Moniz
Secretary of the Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As a broad coalition of energy efficiency and environmental organizations, we write to applaud your leadership and commitment to advancing appliance and equipment efficiency standards. In particular, we commend the Department's issuance earlier this week of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for new metal halide light fixture standards.

Implementation of these efficiency standards, along with the overdue standards related to commercial refrigeration equipment, walk-in coolers and freezers, and electric motors, and a number of others that are in process, would help Americans save billions of dollars, reduce harmful carbon emissions, and increase electrical grid reliability and security.

This latest step on efficiency standards is critically important, and will only add to the long list of the benefits of appliance and equipment standards. An analysis conducted by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) and the Appliance Standards Awareness Project (ASAP) indicates that existing efficiency standards reduce costs to the average household by at least \$500 annually, and that further applications of new and updated standards will produce even greater savings.¹

We stand ready to support your efforts to establish cost-effective efficiency standards on metal halide lights and other products, and to assist your ongoing endeavors to prioritize energy efficiency.

Sincerely,

Alliance to Save Energy
American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy
Conservation Services Group
Efficiency First
Energy Future Coalition
Environment America
Environmental and Energy Study Institute
Institute for Market Transformation
National Association of Energy Service Companies
National Association of State Energy Officials
Natural Resources Defense Council
The Sierra Club
U.S. Green Building Council

¹ ACEEE and ASAP, "Benefits of National Appliance Standards," 2011. http://www.appliance-standards.org/sites/default/files/Benefits_of_Standards_June_8_2011.pdf

Cc: The Honorable Ron Wyden
The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
The Honorable Fred Upton
The Honorable Henry Waxman