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The Honorable Bob Latta  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter Welch  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Latta and Welch:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions, as well as state and local chambers and industry associations, and dedicated to promoting, protecting, and defending America's free enterprise system, commends you on the introduction of H.R. 504, the "Energy Star Program Integrity Act." This bipartisan legislation would promote the continued success of the ENERGY STAR program, a voluntary program that has promoted energy efficiency, job growth, and economic expansion.

H.R. 504 addresses a simple but important issue regarding the ENERGY STAR program and would amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to prohibit private litigation against manufacturers should a product fall out of compliance with the program. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's enforcement mechanisms of public delisting and subsequent work with manufacturers to regain qualification have proven to be effective. Private litigation based on the ENERGY STAR listing would have a strongly chilling effect on manufacturer participation in the voluntary program.

The Chamber thanks you for introducing the Energy Star Program Integrity Act and looks forward to working with you on this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,



R. Bruce Josten

cc: Members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce