



The Honorable Richard Hudson
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Congressman Hudson,

On behalf of the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association (NCRMA) and its 2,500 members totaling more than 25,000 store locations in North Carolina, I write to thank you for sponsoring H.R. 3477, The Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act, and ask that you encourage the rest of the North Carolina delegation to join with you as the bill moves from the Energy and Commerce Committee to the House floor. The companion bill, S. 2030, recently passed the Senate.

As you know, H.R. 3477, aligns the compliance dates for two efficiency regulations on the same product, which will ease a regulatory burden for retailers in North Carolina and prevent the doubling of: supply chain and inventory model changes; thousands of display changeouts; unproductive busywork; and compliance testing and labeling. On a national level, ceiling fans account for a \$1.8 billion market, with 15 million units sold annually, and this legislation will protect consumers from unnecessary price increases.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, and I greatly appreciate your time, consideration, and support of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Andy Ellen
President and General Counsel