

February 13, 2018

Honorable Greg Walden
Chairman
House Energy & Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
House Energy & Commerce Committee
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Walden and Ranking Member Pallone:

The Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the bipartisan legislation H.R. 3477, the "Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act" that is scheduled to be marked up this week before the full Committee on Energy & Commerce.

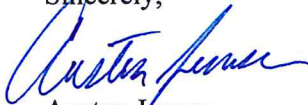
RILA is the trade association of the world's largest and most innovative retail companies. RILA members include more than 200 retailers, product manufacturers, and service suppliers, which together account for more than \$1.5 trillion in annual sales, millions of American jobs, and more than 100,000 stores, manufacturing facilities, and distribution centers domestically and abroad.

H.R. 3477, introduced by Congressman Richard Hudson (R-NC) with bipartisan support seeks to align two Department of Energy (DOE) regulation dates on efficiency requirements for ceiling fans. Under the current enforcement structure, the ceiling fan light bulb implementation date is January 2019 and the ceiling fan motor date is 2020. These misaligned dates will create a significant problem for merchants of all sizes, including supply chain lead times, purchase orders, work schedules and other operations that require strategic planning. This legislation solves the issue with a commonsense change to streamline the enforcement date of both regulations to January 2020.

RILA encourages all Members of the Committee to support passage of H.R. 3477. There is also companion legislation, S. 2030, that has already cleared the U.S. Senate with bipartisan support. It is important this issue be resolved in a timely manner to provide continuity to the broad array of supply chains. This simple correction will help American consumers from incurring any additional costs when purchasing a ceiling fan—a market of roughly \$1.8 billion, with 15 million units sold annually.

Thank you for the Committee's consideration of this important matter. RILA will continue to work with both legislative chambers to resolve this issue. If you have any questions, please contact Austen Jensen at austen.jensen@rila.org or 703-600-2033.

Sincerely,



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cc: Energy & Commerce Committee Members