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U.S. House of Representatives
Energy & Commerce Committee
Subcommittee on Energy
2123 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Walden and Upton and Ranking Members Pallone and Rush,

I am writing on behalf of the Florida Retail Federation in support of H.R. 3477, the Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act.

The Florida Retail Federation is celebrating more than 80 years as the statewide trade association representing retailers. Florida retailers are responsible for one out of every five jobs in the state, pay more than \$49 billion in wages annually, and collect and remit more than \$20 billion in sales taxes for Florida's government each year. In fact, more than three out of four of Florida's budget dollars come from retail-related activity and one out of every five jobs is retail-related.

Ceiling fans will be subject to two D.O.E. efficiency requirements with compliance dates a year apart from each other. This bill would align the compliance dates of these regulations. The Florida Retail Federation supports streamlining these two burdensome change outs to one effective enforcement date.

If the dates were not changed, there would be numerous negative effects on Florida retailers. For example: unproductive employee busywork, purchase order problems and work schedule planning could all be potential problems for retailers big and small.

It is important that this bipartisan bill be passed to provide continuity to supply chains. We respectfully request you to encourage the expedited passage of H.R. 3477.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at scott@frf.org or (850) 222-4082.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Shalley", written in a cursive style.

Scott Shalley
President/CEO