



February 13, 2017

The Honorable Mark Sanford
322 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Congressman Sanford:

On behalf of the South Carolina Retail Association (SCRA) and its members companies, I write to respectfully request that you vote for H.R. 3477, The Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act, and ask that you encourage the rest of the South 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.

H.R. 3477 is a bipartisan bill that aligns the compliance dates for two efficiency regulations on the same product. Left untouched, ceiling fans will be subject to two Department of Energy (DOE) efficiency requirements: (1) ceiling fan light kits (bulbs) in January 2019; and (2) ceiling fan motors in January 2020. Correcting the misalignment of these dates will ease a regulatory burden for retailers in South Carolina and prevent the doubling of: supply chain and inventory model changes; thousands of display changeouts; unproductive busywork; and compliance testing and labeling.

This legislation makes one simple change to streamline the enforcement date of both regulations to January 2020. Due to the widespread demand for residential ceiling fans and the lead time required for supply chains, this legislation needs to move quickly through the House to protect South Carolinians from price increases. On a national level, ceiling fans account for a \$1.8 billion market, with 15 million units sold annually.

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

Sincerely,

Lindsey R. Kueffner
Executive Director