

Statement of Support by Congressman Buddy Carter

“Discussion Draft, Energy Star Reform Act of 2017 and H.R. 3477, Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act”

Mr. Chairman, we're here today to review legislation that will undertake common sense reforms to ensure businesses are not unnecessarily subjected to onerous and burdensome regulations that will impact their ability to comply with federal law. One example of legislation tackling these concerns is H.R. 3477, the Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act. This bill would do something very simple; it would align the dates of compliance for two separate efficiency regulations covering the same products.

Those two regulations, one impacting ceiling fan light kits with a compliance date of January 2019, and one for ceiling fan motors with a compliance date of January 2020, only create confusion. This difference in dates will only result in an additional burden on businesses to comply, leading to countless hours of work in order to avoid being fined for noncompliance. All of this works will lead to less focus on the customers while providing no additional benefits.

The changes proposed under this legislation are good governance, allowing businesses to comply in a manner that limits unnecessary actions. Additionally, low-income households will be impacted by these regulations as providers move to meet disjointed deadlines. My good friend, Rep. Hudson, introduced this bill to provide certainty, to ensure businesses aren't unnecessarily penalized, and to give consumers continued options that they deem are best for their families.

I want to thank my colleagues for their introduction of this legislation and I want to thank this subcommittee for their efforts to bring this up. This legislation is a step in the right direction in correcting guidance that would only seek to negatively impact our communities without a benefit in sight. I ask that you join me in supporting this legislation.

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