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The Honorable Fred Upton
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The Honorable Ed Whitfield
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
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Dear Chairman Upton and Chairman Whitfield:

We are writing to object to placing H.R. 2417, which would repeal provisions in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 relating to light bulbs, on the suspension calendar next week. If you would like the House to act upon this legislation, we request that the Committee proceed with regular order on the legislation.

In 2007, this Committee adopted standards to make incandescent light bulbs more efficient on a bipartisan voice vote, and members from both sides of the aisle spoke in favor. Legislation to repeal these provisions should be thoroughly examined by the Committee prior to consideration by the House.

H.R. 2417 was introduced earlier this week on July 6, 2011. Obviously, the Committee has not had the opportunity to hold hearings on the legislation. Moreover, the Committee has not held any hearing – legislative or oversight – on the subject matter of the legislation.

We urge you to continue the Committee on Energy and Commerce's long history of open debate by adhering to the tenets of regular order.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

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