Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

We appreciate the State of New York's support for energy conservation standards, which have been a major success in reducing energy use and costs and play an important role in addressing climate change. Since 2009, the Department of Energy has issued 18 new or updated standards, which will help increase annual savings by more than 50 percent over the next decade. In fact, as a result of energy conservation standards already issued by the Department, energy users saved tens of billions on their utility bills in 2010. By 2030, this Administration's already issued energy efficiency standards will reduce CO2 emissions by over 1.7 billion tons.

On June 25, 2013, as part of his Climate Action Plan, the President recommitted the Administration to move forward with energy efficiency initiatives, including the issuance of appliance standards regulations.[1] Secretary Moniz and I share the President's strong commitment and are working actively—together with our partners throughout the executive branch—to meet the President's goals.

The Department acknowledges the concerns you and other states have expressed about delays in the promulgation of certain energy efficiency standards under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. We take seriously your concerns about expediting the Department's pending rulemakings to establish new or updated energy conservation standards for metal halide lamp fixtures, commercial refrigeration equipment, walk-in coolers and freezers, and electric motors. As you know, on July 5, 2013, the Department released schedules for the completion of each of those overdue rulemakings as part of its regulatory agenda.[2] The Department is committed to issuing notices of proposed rulemakings, as set forth in that schedule and in the chart below, in August, 2013 for metal halide lamp fixtures, commercial refrigeration equipment, and walk-in coolers and freezers, and in November, 2013 for electric motors. In addition, the Department is committed to the issuance of final rules for metal halide lamp fixtures, commercial refrigeration

[1] "Establishing a New Goal for Energy Efficiency Standards: In President Obama's first term, the Department of Energy established new minimum efficiency standards for dishwashers, refrigerators, and many other products. Through 2030, these standards will cut consumers' electricity bills by hundreds of billions of dollars and save enough electricity to power more than 85 million homes for two years. To build on this success, the Administration is setting a new goal: Efficiency standards for appliances and federal buildings set in the first and second terms combined will reduce carbon pollution by at least 3 billion metric tons cumulatively by 2030 – equivalent to nearly one-half of the carbon pollution from the entire U.S. energy sector for one year – while continuing to cut families' energy bills." http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/image/president27sclimateactionplan.pdf at p. 9
[2] http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain

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equipment, walk in coolers and freezers, and electric motors according to the schedule in the chart below.

Appliance	Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	Final Rule
Metal Halide Lamp Fixtures	8/2013	01/2014
Commercial Refrigeration Equipment	8/2013	02/2014
Walk-in Coolers and Freezers	8/2013	04/2014
Electric Motors	11/2013	05/2014

I applaud the active engagement of New York and its partners in energy efficiency issues generally and very much appreciate the fact that you share our interest in the timely issuance of energy efficiency standards. Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,

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