

February 17, 2009

The Honorable Barack Obama
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

We are writing to thank you for your Presidential Memorandum concerning national appliance efficiency standards. Your forceful commitment to meet all legal deadlines, and, if possible, beat those for which the energy saving benefits are greatest, is a welcome change in direction.

Just as importantly, the Memorandum and your choice to deliver its message in person at the Energy Department conveys urgency and importance to the agency and all the stakeholders involved in appliance standards development. We read that message to include not just a commitment to meet deadlines, but to achieve large energy and dollar savings with the new standards. As you said in your remarks, new standards will save consumers money, spur innovation and conserve tremendous amounts of energy. You cited total thirty-year energy savings equal to the amount generated by all the coal-fired power plants in America over two years.

In the context of your energy plan, these strong new appliance standards will make a substantial contribution to your goals, including helping to “make America the most energy efficient country in the world,” and to meet the specific objective of reducing U.S. electricity use by 15% by 2020.

Once again, thank you. We look forward to working with your administration to meet these goals.

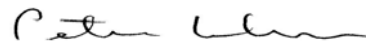
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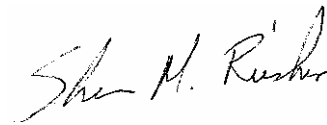
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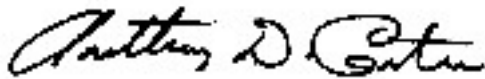
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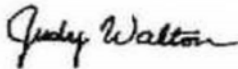
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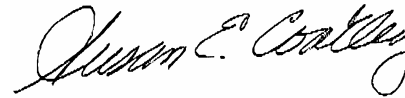
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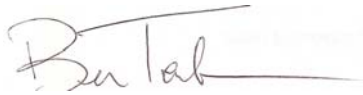
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