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To: Energy - Docket Optical System
Subject: 15-BSTD-01 Adoption of 15-Day Language for the 2016 Energy Efficiency Building Standards

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing today to encourage adoption of the 15-Day Language for the 2016 Energy Efficiency Building Standards at your November business meeting. The proposed Code language represents a hard-won compromise between conflicting interests that will deliver significantly greater energy savings than the current Code, which has had the unintended consequence of stifling energy-saving lighting upgrades. For example, Stanford University's group re-ballasting program (which has been the university's primary mechanism for widespread adoption of more energy efficient lighting) did not proceed with projects last year that would have saved roughly 400,000 kWh annually due to the added cost to comply with the current "Alterations and Modifications" section of the 2013 code and uncertainty about its future.

With thanks for your consideration,

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