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MEMORANDUM

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To: Subcommittee on Energy Democratic Members and Staff
Fr: Committee on Energy and Commerce Democratic Staff
Re: Subcommittee Markup on H.R. 3477, the “Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act”

On **Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in room 2322 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on Energy will mark up H.R. 3477, the “Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act.”

I. BACKGROUND ON CEILING FAN EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

Under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 (EPCA), the Department of Energy (DOE) is required to periodically assess the need for more stringent energy conservation standards for consumer and industrial products and equipment.¹ DOE released the final rule for Ceiling Fan Light Kits (CFLK) on January 6, 2016, adopting more stringent standards for these kits, effective March 7, 2016. CFLK manufacturers are required to be fully compliant by January 7, 2019.

On January 19, 2017, DOE released the final rule for ceiling fans manufactured without lighting. The rule became effective March 20, 2017, and manufacturers are required to be in compliance with the rule by January 21, 2020.² H.R. 3477, the “Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act” would change the mandatory compliance deadline for CFLKs to align with the deadline for ceiling fans that are manufactured without lighting, delaying the rule for over one year.

¹ Department of Energy, *Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Ceiling Fan Light Kits*, 81 Fed. Reg. § 579 (Jan. 6, 2016) (final rule).

² Department of Energy, *Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Ceiling Fans*, 82 Fed. Reg. § 6826 (Jan. 17, 2017) (final rule).

II. H.R. 3477, THE CEILING FAN ENERGY CONSERVATION HARMONIZATION ACT

H.R. 3477, the “Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act,” was introduced by Rep. Hudson (R-NC) on July 27, 2017. The bill extends the compliance deadline for the rule amending the standards for ceiling fan light kits to January 21, 2020.³ The stated purpose of the legislation is to align the compliance deadline for the CFLK standard with a separate standard for ceiling fans, which has a compliance date of January 21, 2020.⁴ DOE has determined that more stringent CFLK standards would conserve more energy, while also being more economically feasible.⁵

Sen. Tillis (R-NC) introduced S. 2030, the companion bill for H.R. 3477, on October 30, 2017. S. 2030 passed the Senate by unanimous consent on December 21, 2017.⁶

³ H.R. 3477, Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act. All Democratic Committee materials are available [here](#).

⁴ See note 2.

⁵ See note 1.

⁶ S. 2030, Ceiling Fan Energy Conservation Harmonization Act.