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Dear Senator:

We urge you to oppose the BULB Act (S. 395), or similar legislation, which would repeal energy efficiency standards for light bulbs that Congress enacted on a bipartisan basis in 2007. Much of the concern about these standards is based on the misconception that they ban incandescent bulbs. There is no ban on incandescent bulbs – they are just getting better.

As a result of the 2007 law, manufacturers are already making a variety of new energy saving bulbs for homes, including more efficient incandescent bulbs, which are available in stores today. These bulbs look, light, and turn on like the bulbs we have been using for decades, but are 28 to 33 percent more efficient.

Energy efficient lighting saves consumers' money, creates jobs, and benefits the environment. At a time when families are struggling with high energy costs, efficient lighting will save the average American family around \$100 every year (about \$12 billion nationwide) and save enough energy annually to power all the homes in Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

Phasing-in energy efficient light bulbs means more choices and savings – that's good for families, the country, and the environment. We urge you to oppose repeal of the light bulb efficiency standards.

Sincerely,

[INSERT ORGANIZATION]