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Environmental Protection Agency / Dept. of Energy
Energy Star Program
Ref: Requested Input from Food Service Industry
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing this letter in response to your requested input from the food service industry. The proposed third party acceptance testing and verification program is definitely not in the best interest of the customer or end user of food service products.

We all need to remember that we are COMMERCIAL FOOD SERVICE MANUFACTURERS, not retail food service manufacturers and that keeping our customers satisfied is very important and keeping the food safe to serve our children in the schools is mandatory. We should not dismiss these obligations lightly just to try to meet some new guideline(s) that really does not match how our holding cabinets are used in the real world.

- Energy Savings vs. Increased Cost of Goods
 - Third party acceptance and verification testing will be an added cost to all manufacturers of food service equipment and some if not all of that expense will have to be passed on to the buyer potentially making our units less saleable in a very competitive world market.
- Energy Savings vs. Food Safety
 - Opening the door(s) to a Hot Food Holding Cabinet to remove cooked food will lower the internal cavity temperature and there is a definite requirement to have the proper wattage to recover temperature before the cooked food falls below safe serve temperature limits.
- Energy testing of Food Service Equipment
 - Test requirements and the method of standardizing those tests should be managed by a group of people from NAFEM that recognizes the uniqueness of Commercial Food Service Equipment and the companies that manufacture those cabinets.
 - Third party witness testing by agencies which are currently required before any sanitation mark is applied to our equipment could also be used to monitor the energy consumption.

Whether or not a piece of Food Service Equipment displays the Energy Star mark in the future is up to you and the decisions you make today concerning test methods, third party acceptance and third party verification testing. Work with us, not against us.

Sincerely,

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