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Dear Ms. Daken,

Nest Labs, Inc. ("Nest") welcomes the opportunity to comment on EPA's draft final connected thermostat specification. Nest is very supportive of the draft final specification and would like to see it implemented expeditiously.

This connected thermostat specification is an important addition to EPA's Energy Star Program. Advances in thermostat technology over the past several years have resulted in new thermostat products and services that can produce significant energy savings, enable better control of peak demand, and also provide consumers with better, more convenient control of their home heating and cooling.

However, as the technology has evolved rapidly, consumers need some guidance on which products can actually save energy. This is where EPA's connected thermostat specification, if finalized and implemented, can really be of service. The EPA Energy Star designation will give customers a readily recognized source of authoritative guidance on which products can really save energy. As such, Nest sees this specification as fulfilling an important role in the development of the market for smarter thermostat products and services.

Nest would also like to recognize the long and thorough process that the EPA has gone through to get to this draft final specification. Nest applauds the long and detailed meetings and consultations that EPA has held with the many stakeholders in the thermostat industry and the broader energy efficiency industry to make sure that the specification can work "in the real world."

Therefore, Nest urges the EPA to finalize the specification as quickly as possible, and looks forward to working with EPA going forward to refine the specification as we learn more from using it and as the technology evolves.

Thank you for the opportunity to share comments. If you have questions about them, do not hesitate to reach out to:

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