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Dear ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> Refrigerator and Freezer Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to share with you an updated proposal for connected product criteria for refrigerators and freezers. The attached document presents updates to the connected criteria included in Draft 3 of the ENERGY STAR Refrigerator and Freezer Version 5.0 specification. Comments on this updated language should be submitted via email to [appliances@energystar.gov](mailto:appliances@energystar.gov) no later than January 17, 2013.

Over the past year, EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) have worked closely with stakeholders to define connected criteria and an associated test method for this functionality. Prior to releasing a final draft of this specification, EPA wishes to share with stakeholders for their review and comment, an updated version of the connected criteria found in Draft 3. These updates focus exclusively on Section 4A of Draft 3 and respond to stakeholder feedback on this section. Attached please find excerpted, section 4A with the edited section highlighted as well as an explanation of EPA's rationale for this proposed update.

Please direct questions on these proposed edits to Katharine Kaplan at EPA, [kaplan.katharine@epa.gov](mailto:kaplan.katharine@epa.gov) or (202) 343-9120. Please direct questions specific to Refrigerator and Freezer test methods to Ashley Armstrong, DOE, at [Ashley.Armstrong@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Ashley.Armstrong@ee.doe.gov) or (202) 586-6590. Thank you for taking the time to review this proposed change to the connected criteria for Refrigerators and Freezers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katharine Kaplan".

Katharine Kaplan, Manager  
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