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The Honorable Steve King
1609 Longworth Office Building
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Congressman King:

As members of the Iowa General Assembly's Energy Efficiency Interim Committee we wanted to draw your attention to the enclosed article from the Consumer Reports, October 2008 issue that describes some disturbing findings regarding the federal Energy Star Program.

The article details significant concerns about the accuracy of Energy Star ratings, accountability for inaccurate ratings and the lack of independent testing of manufacturers energy saving claims.


In short this program is failing consumers who are paying a premium for Energy Star rated appliances and in many cases are receiving inferior products. At a time when the cost of energy is squeezing Iowa family budgets it is imperative that investment made by consumers to reduce the energy consumption are not made in vain.

We ask that you work to reform the Energy Star program immediately.

We look forward to hearing from you and learning of your work on this issue.

Respectfully,


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