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Dear ENERGY STAR,

We do not support the proposal to sunset ENERGY STAR designation for residential boilers.

As a consumer, I look to ENERGY STAR to guide my appliance purchases. Though my home does not use a boiler, I see there are a great variety of high-efficiency, condensing boilers listed on the ENERGY STAR site. If I were in the market for a boiler, that would be a prime resource for me. Without the ENERGY STAR label, consumers like me would be left without critical information about the products they need. A high-efficiency boiler is more efficient and cost-effective than other appliances in many parts of the county. Also, consider the cost and disruption needed to retrofit a home hydronic system to accommodate other technologies.

This proposal does not align with ENERGY STAR's "Program Strategic Vision and Guiding Principles" which include the direction "to treat fuel types separately, so that consumers may find the right products for the fuel type in their home."

Please withdraw this proposal.

Sincerely,

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