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To whom it may concern;

A brief comment on the new proposed glass skylight energy requirements for California starting in 2013.

I'm sure we all understand the health and energy benefits of natural light that skylights provide for commercial and residential structures and the progress that has already been made over the last decade to make skylights more energy efficient. We need to continue on this course but with well thought out laws that allow the skylight manufactures and building industry time to prepare and comply with any new energy requirements without further damage to the currently fragile economy in the blue collar sector.

Over the years the skylight manufactures have played a major part in helping california meet its goals for energy efficiency, it can continue to be a partner but any new requirements need to be in a realistic time line. Presently the state of California's home improvement and remodel industry is very weak and still stuck in a sluggish recovery, to rush this through without any regard for the devastating effect this will have on the small skylight and remodel contractors would be disaster for thousands of small businesses and households. There is a right time and place for everything and the new skylight U Factor can be met but more time is needed. Unlike the auto industry that fought change and energy efficient cars for decades the skylight manufactures are always working to improve an already energy efficient product but by ramrodding this new law through you will gut the California skylight industry and diminish one of the few areas in the state that has been able to hang on over the past 5 years when thousands of businesses have filed bankruptcy since 2007. Allow the industry minimum of 5-7 years to meet these goals.

I'm asking you to work with Velux Skylights and the other major skylight manufactures and not dictate a regulation on a weak industry with an unrealistic time line.

Thanks

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