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To whom it may concern,

VELUX America Incorporated, would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide feed-back and comments prior to the commission's final decision.

One of the reasons I decided to work for VELUX twelve years ago was because, the focus and commitment in providing environmental friendly skylights. VELUX has always been a proponent of meeting and exceeding Energy Star ® standards. Even though, VELUX could have produced a lower quality product to compete with inefficient plastic dome skylights, which predominantly dominates the skylight market. VELUX decided to educate roofers, builders, architects, and homeowners about the advantages of installing a much higher energy efficient skylight at double the price. This is not an easy task considering when most people think about a skylight, they think about a plastic dome skylight.

Everyone benefits from the natural light and ventilation that a high quality energy efficient skylight provides. Because of building trends of building homes on zero lot lines, more than ever home owners are seeking alternative options in providing natural light, privacy and ventilation a VELUX skylight provides.

I ask you to please consider the devastating affects your decision will have if skylights are limited or not a viable option in new construction or remodel projects. The building industry in California is already in crippling state. This decision will have negative effects, which would impair the building industry further.

Best Regards,

Gerard Rodriguez  
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