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California Energy Commission Attn: Docket No. 12-BSTD-1 **Dockets Office** 1516 Ninth Street, MS-4 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Sirs:

We have been a skylight company in Santa Rosa for more than 17 years. We have installed more than 10,000 skylights and tubular skylights. We supply and install skylights for residential and commercial applications. Currently, we are a VELUX Five Star Skylight dealer.

Skylights are an important and efficient way to get natural light into dark interior spaces. This allows occupants to reduce the use of electricity for lighting purposes. It also makes an amazing improvement to the beauty and healthfulness of indoor environments. Except for bats, moles, and owls, most creatures thrive in natural light. Skylights provide "lumens for humans!"

There are thousands of very inefficient bubble skylights that need to be replaced with modern, energy efficient skylights. Customers who make this change in their homes are thrilled with the increased comfort level and energy savings.

Operable skylights provide a very efficient ventilation and cooling method which saves energy compared to using air conditioning.

VELUX skylights also have interior blinds which are a very effective way to improve their energy efficiency. On hot days, the blinds can be closed to stop heat gain. On cold nights, the blinds help to keep the heat in the house.

VELUX has created skylight products that meet Energy Star requirements and are an affordable way to create efficient daylighting for California homeowners. We recommend that the Commission adopt reasonable standards for skylights that allow Californians to use affordable, energy efficient skylights in their residences.

Sincerely,

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