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Assembly Member Lloyd Levine, Chair
Utilities and Commerce Committee
State Capitol, Room 5136
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Re: AB1109 (Huffman) - Support with Amendments

Dear Chairman Levine and Members of the Committee:

I write on behalf of Philips Lighting Company, a division of Philips Electronics and the world's largest manufacturer of light bulbs and lighting products. Philips is pleased to support, with perfecting amendments, the energy efficiency provisions of AB1109. California can, by enactment of energy efficiency legislation for lighting, lead the way toward nationwide energy efficiency standards with enormous environmental and economic benefit.

Nationwide adoption of energy efficient lighting technologies will reduce business and household consumer electricity bills by \$18 billion annually. Businesses can use this money to become more efficient, while consumers can save or spend the money on other items that add value to their lives. Nationwide adoption of energy efficient lighting will annually save up to the equivalent of the electricity generated by 30 nuclear power plants or 80 coal burning power plants. Annual emissions of carbon dioxide and mercury from coal-generated power will be reduced by as much as 158 million tons and 5,700 pounds respectively.

Philips supports technology-neutral, performance-based standards for increasing the efficiency of lighting products. Philips and other manufacturers already produce compact fluorescent lamps and soon will bring to the market other efficient technologies such as Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs), energy saving halogen and more efficient incandescent lights. Philips employs nearly 700 Californians in San Jose at our LED manufacturing facility that undoubtedly will grow as energy efficient lighting is more widely adopted.

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