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**The Consumer Voice in Europe**

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**Re: Plenary vote on the EU Energy Label: please ensure that the decision-making process progresses swiftly**

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

Thanks to an EU-wide Energy Label, EU consumers are informed in a transparent and comparable manner about the energy which refrigerators, televisions and other energy-using products consume. The Energy Label has been a very successful instrument over the years as it pushes manufacturers to produce more energy efficient appliances and pulls consumers towards the top class products. However, the instrument now needs an urgent reform in order to regain its effectiveness and take account of technological and market progress. In July 2015 the European Commission made a good proposal based on the well-understood A-G color-coded, labelling scheme.

On 6 July 2016, you will be voting in plenary session on the ITRE report. The ITRE report has added value for consumers but it did not adequately address some important aspects such as the growing and potentially unnecessary capacity/volume of appliances, the need to inform consumers not only about energy efficiency but also about energy consumption, the importance of providing relevant, transparent and trustworthy information to consumers, the usefulness of sales data in policy-making and the need to swiftly adjust all existing labels to the new scheme.

We therefore call on you to support the ITRE report especially **voting in favour of amendments 85- 96.**

As consumers should be provided with improved information on the energy efficiency and consumption of appliances as soon as possible, we call on you to give a mandate to the rapporteur, MEP Dario Tamburrano, to start swiftly negotiations with the Council.

We trust that you will take consumer interests into account when voting on this legislation.

Best regards,

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