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Dear Computers Manufacturer or Other Interested Party:

With this letter, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is sharing proposed changes to the Version 6.0 ENERGY STAR Computer Specification, which provide further clarity on how EPA intends to apply existing notebook eligibility criteria to both two-in-one notebook and slate/tablet devices. EPA welcomes stakeholder input on this proposal, which will be reflected in a Version 6.1 specification once final.

EPA has engaged in significant dialogue with stakeholders since the release of a discussion document laying out initial thoughts on this topic. Along with a refined proposal specific to two-in-one notebook and slate/tablet devices, this draft also includes minor revisions to the integrated desktop definition to accommodate newer products with limited battery backup capability. EPA looks forward to discussing these proposals with stakeholders at the below described webinar and to receiving additional written stakeholder feedback.

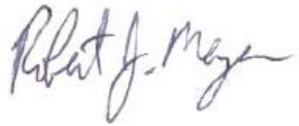
Please note that an updated ENERGY STAR Computers Draft Test Method is not included here but will be forthcoming in early April. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has been supporting EPA on its ENERGY STAR Computer specification development by considering whether changes are warranted to accommodate slate/tablet and two-in-one computers in the ENERGY STAR computers test method. DOE plans to consider comments received from public comment on its proposed coverage determination regarding computers and backup battery systems (79 FR 11345) to better inform its next steps for both its regulatory program and the ENERGY STAR program. Thus, DOE expects to issue a revised test method for computers in early April 2014, if warranted, to address slate/tablet and two-in-one computers. DOE has previously received comments, via the ENERGY STAR process, that modifications may be needed to provide further guidance on luminance settings, how to display the images used for testing, and the configuration of cellular and Bluetooth functionality when testing a slate/tablet or two-in-one computer.

EPA is hosting a webinar on **March 19, 2014 from 1pm to 3pm Eastern Time** to discuss the Draft Version 6.1 ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> Specification for Computers. To register for the webinar, please click [here](#). **Stakeholders are also encouraged to send written comments to [computers@energystar.gov](mailto:computers@energystar.gov) no later than April 9, 2014.**

For further information on specification development activities to date, visit the ENERGY STAR Computers Product Development webpage accessed through [www.energystar.gov/RevisedSpecs](http://www.energystar.gov/RevisedSpecs) and follow the link for "Computers".

Stakeholder participation is critical to developing a meaningful specification revision and to ensuring the overall success of ENERGY STAR. Please direct any specific questions to RJ Meyers, EPA, at [Meyers.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Meyers.Robert@epa.gov), or 202-343-9923; or John Clinger, ICF International, at [John.Clinger@icfi.com](mailto:John.Clinger@icfi.com), or 215-967-9407. Please direct any specific test method questions to Jeremy Domm, DOE, at [Jeremy.Domm@ee.doe.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Domm@ee.doe.gov), or 202 586-9870.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert J. Meyers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

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ENERGY STAR for Computers