

The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

Please repeal the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and remove barriers to the purchase and use of incandescent light-bulbs. Although this act may have been crafted with good intentions, it has made daily life so much more of a struggle for so many people. Title 3, Subtitle B imposed higher standards for bulbs and required that bulbs become 25-30% more efficient in five years. The intent was to increase demand for more energy-efficient light-bulbs. Although in December 2011, Congress defunded enforcement of light-bulb performance requirements, many companies have stopped manufacturing incandescent bulbs and they are becoming increasingly hard to find. This has led to an aggravating assault on our quality of life.

In the European Union, consumer preference for light-bulbs is largely for incandescent bulbs, the familiar bulbs we've had since the times of Edison. Compact Fluorescent light-bulbs, or CFLs, emit cold, flat, unnatural light that doesn't occur in nature. Furthermore, CFL bulbs contain mercury, a toxin that would unleash horrors should the bulb break. These bulbs need to be disposed of specially, and special care needs to be taken when operating them. Furthermore, CFL bulbs emit ultraviolet radiation, which can cause rashes and burns. LED bulbs also produce unnatural flickering and both CFL and LED bulbs can emit high levels of radiofrequency radiation. Clearly, these bulbs are not more environmentally friendly.

Public demand for incandescent light-bulbs still remains quite high, proof that the ban on incandescent light-bulbs is not in our best interest. In Germany, sale of incandescent bulbs rose 150%; two-thirds of Australians believe their ban is nonsensical, and over 50% of Australians believe their health is at risk of mercury poisoning from CFL bulbs. 72% of Americans believe that the government has absolutely NO RIGHT to dictate what light bulbs we they may use. The President of the Czech Republic, Vaclav Klaus, actually urged the public to stockpile enough incandescent light-bulbs to last their lifetime.

Clearly, the government's efforts to hinder use of incandescent bulbs are going nowhere fast. They have alienated even those who agreed with the government's efforts to combat climate change. Restricting our choice of light-bulb is an extremely autocratic practice that ought to be abolished.

We are not going to stoop to the government's level. We are not asking that CFL and LED bulbs be banned. Instead, we ask that barriers to purchasing and using incandescent bulbs be lifted so that we may have the choice of whatever bulb we choose to utilize. Trying to prevent us from using incandescent bulbs is possibly one of the most un-American things the government has ever done,

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