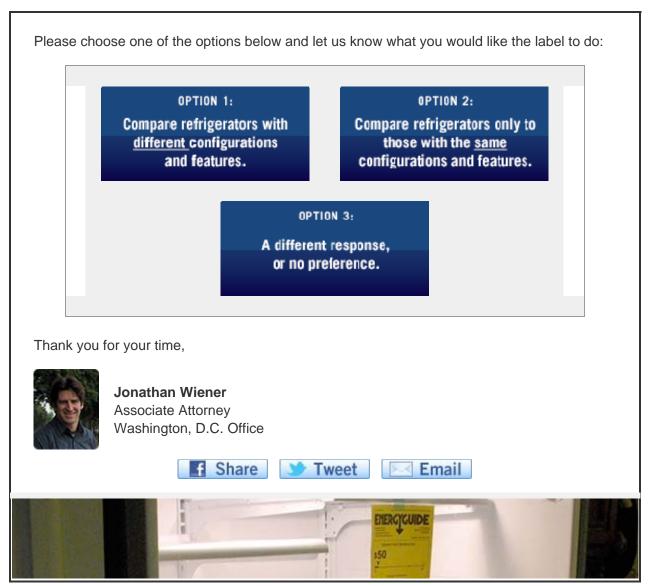
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The Federal Trade Commission is considering changes to the yellow-andblack Energy Guide labels for refrigerators. Specifically, it is deciding whether the label should compare the energy use of all refrigerators of the same size. Currently, the label only compares refrigerators to others with similar configurations (e.g. a side-mounted freezer) and features (e.g. a through-the-door ice dispenser).

Thanks to gains in efficiency over the years, differences in energy use between refrigerators with similar configurations and features are generally no more than \$10 a year, if any. But different configurations and features can make a difference of \$30 or more in annual energy costs.



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