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Action Alert

## TAKE ACTION! Improve Energy Efficiency (Again)

Take Action



We need your help:  
The FTC is considering changes to the yellow-and-black Energy Guide labels for refrigerators. Tell us how you think the label should look.

Dear Alexander,

We've got some [good news](#): thanks to the ten thousand of you who took action, appliance retailers will have to display energy efficiency information front-and-center in their online listings.

Now we need your help again. Please read the following and answer our survey question below:

The Federal Trade Commission is considering changes to the yellow-and-black 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.

Please choose one of the options below and let us know what you would like the label to do:

<b>OPTION 1:</b> Compare refrigerators with <u>different</u> configurations and features.	<b>OPTION 2:</b> Compare refrigerators only to those with the <u>same</u> configurations and features.
<b>OPTION 3:</b> A different response, or no preference.	

Thank you for your time,



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