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Representative Barry R. Feingold, Chair  
Senator Michael W. Morrissey, Chair  
Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy  
Room 473-B and Room 413-D  
State House  
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Feingold and Senator Morrissey;

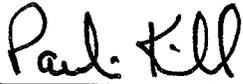
The Acton Board of Selectmen has voted to support *An Act to Promote Energy Efficient Lighting, Conserve Energy, Regulate Outdoor Night Lighting, and Reduce Light Pollution*, (Senate 1481, House 3762), which is currently under study in your Committee.

Acton has had effective outdoor lighting regulations since 1984 (rewritten in 2004). Both bylaws contain the requirement for "fully shielded luminaries", as does H3762-S1481. These bylaws have contributed to a responsible approach to outdoor lighting in Acton.

In addition, Acton knows that fully shielded and efficient outdoor lighting can save energy costs. The Town replaced 700 of its streetlights in the past year and has realized more than 40% reduction of its streetlight energy usage. This retrofit program will pay for itself within four years.

We urge you to help favorably report this bill out of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, where it is currently under study.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Kill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Paulina Knibbee  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

cc:

Senator Cynthia Creem, Room 416-B

Representative Mary Grant, Room 236

Senator James Eldridge, Room 213-A

Representative Cory Atkins, Room 166

Representative Jennifer Benson, Room 130