



December 10, 2010

Comments in Support of Stronger Efficiency Codes  
The Board of Building Standards

I am here on behalf of the Sierra Club Ohio Chapter. Our goal is to advance cost effective energy efficiency in residential homes and commercial buildings. I am speaking as an advocate on behalf of the Sierra Club, our members, volunteers, and a diverse set of people from across the state. What we have found through on-the-ground outreach is that people care about energy and energy efficiency. Ohioans are beginning to realize that it is cheaper to build in efficiency from the start than it is to retrofit an inefficient home or building later. Efficient homes and buildings reduce utility bills and save companies and consumers money. Money saved through efficiency will help stimulate investment back into local economies helping to create jobs, which Ohio desperately needs.

The Sierra Club has gathered close to 1000 signatures within the last few months with the plan to deliver these to the Governors office. The postcard signatures are in support of the latest ASHRAE and IECC model codes. Ohioans have shown undeniable support for stronger building efficiency standards in our state and these voices should not be ignored.

The Sierra Club has also submitted a letter to the Governor's Office which had close to 50 signors; including environmental organizations, building code experts, consumer advocates, and business representatives asking the Governor to move forward with stronger building codes. We believe it is the best option for Ohio consumers, Ohio jobs, and our environment.

The Sierra Club supports adopting stronger energy efficiency codes for all new residential and commercial buildings, and respectfully asks the members of this board to assist Ohioans to save energy and help protect our environment by supporting stronger efficiency codes.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "CJ George".

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