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To: Commissioner Andrew McAllister
California Energy Commission
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1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Docket: 14-BSTD-01

From: Colmer Construction

RE: Draft 2016 Building Energy Efficiency Standards

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

My home building and development company builds approximately 30-50 single family detached spec homes per year in Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. We were established in 1988. Our Company follows the development of building codes through our affiliation with the California Building Industry Association (CBIA).
We have been informed that comments by JCEEP into the 2016 Building Energy Efficiency Standards propose to severely limit the use of flexible ducts in new residential construction. We strongly object to the flex duct limiting proposal by JCEEP. All of the homes Jones Construction builds use flex duct for our HVAC systems. In addition, our HVAC systems are tested by the HVAC subcontractor and a HERS rater to verify their performance.
Over the past numerous regulatory cycles the duct tightness and performance of HVAC systems have vastly improved. Any suggestion to limit flexible ducts which are an integral portion of a well-designed and field verified HVAC system is not acceptable to the building industry.
Your company name opposes any reduction in the use of flexible duct. It is the methodology the building industry uses to supply quality HVAC systems to our homes.
Respectfully,

Signature

Wayne Colmer, President
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cc: Rob Oglesby, CEC Executive Director
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