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We are not in agreement with this for the following reasons:

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• We are strongly opposed to the formation of alternative directories, because there is no reliable process to ensure that ratings and test procedures will not diverge in the future.

• If CEC recognizes an additional directory that has a framework to establish different procedures, manufacturers will naturally migrate to the one that produces more favorable ratings. This would represent a disservice and an inequality to both consumers and to scrupulous manufacturers.

• We are aware of the testing backlog at HVI's primary third-party laboratory, REEL, and are supportive of HVI's diligent efforts to get more labs approved for product testing as soon as possible

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• We support HVI's fair and equitable treatment of manufacturers and candidate laboratories,

and we encourage CEC to continue to support the ASHRAE 62.2-recognized rating program moving forward.

â€¢ We support the HVI-Certified Products Directory as the single resource for residential ventilating product certification and oppose any alternative directories.

We hope this can be resolved shortly to eliminate confusion in the marketplace so consumers and builders can make smart accurate choices for their Kitchen ventilation needs.

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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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