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Mr. Drew Bohan  
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California Energy Commission  
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**RE: County of Contra Costa Building Energy Efficiency Standards for New Construction**

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Per the request of Commission Staff, the County of Contra Costa would like to express to you our firm commitment to enforce the 2022 Title 24, Part 6 Building Energy Efficiency Standards of the California Building Code. As the Chief Building Official, I will work with my staff to provide training on enforcement of the energy standards and the new requirements for developers to comply with the Building Energy Efficiency Standards of California Building Code. This includes providing guidance and information to staff and the public on updated energy standards and local codes.

The energy efficiency reach code for residential, hotel, office and retail buildings was heard by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on September 10, 2024, and was adopted at its second hearing on October 1, 2024.

The County Board of Supervisors also found that the ordinance was exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308. For the purposes of protecting the environment, the proposed ordinance requires higher energy efficiency in newly constructed residential, hotel, office and retail buildings resulting in lower GHG emissions. The regulatory standards contained in the proposed ordinance are more stringent than those set forth in the State Building Standards Code, and as a result there are no reasonably foreseeable adverse impacts or possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

The Contra Costa County Building Efficiency Standards will ensure that residential and non-residential buildings in the County will consume no more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6.

Sincerely,

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