To whom it may concern;

My name is Ken Frazier. I am the owner of "Golden State Energy Efficiency Rating Service". I would like to express my deep concern regarding the changes being proposed to Flow Hoods being removed from the list of approved methods of airflow verification. I have both the Flow Hood and Flow Grids and it has been my experience that when used properly and with the correct size Hood to completely enshroud the Return Grill, the Flow Hood is every bit as accurate as the Flow Grids. What's more it has been my experience that many Raters are not correctly using the Flow Grids especially when there are multiple Return Grills on one unit. There is one change that I feel the California Energy Commission could make that would resolve any issue with the Flow Hoods. Change the current testing procedure to eliminate the ability to cover 10% of the Return Grill. Make it mandatory that the Flow Hood completely enshroud the Return Grill. This would mean the Rater carry a variety of Hood sizes however; it would eliminate any inaccuracies currently taking place using the current testing procedure.

Please consider this option before you make a decision to take away a very important as well as accurate piece of equipment which I have used for several years.

Sincerely

Ken Frazier

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