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January 11, 2011

Commissioner Karen Douglas
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Docket # 10-BSTD-01

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DATE	Jan 11 2012
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Subject: Building Energy Efficiency Standards Acceptance Testing and Documentation

Dear Commissioner Douglas:

I write to you to encourage the Commission to adopt Acceptance Testing and Documentation requirements in the 2013 Standards Update for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) and advanced lighting controls.

The Commission has repeatedly found the need for appropriate training and certification for both HVAC and lighting controls in order for California to realize its energy efficiency goals. Recently the California Commissioning Collaborative revealed that code officials, contractors and engineers are not clear on the acceptance testing procedures and form documentation.

Therefore, I urge the Commission to require that all HVAC related acceptance testing and documentation be performed by Testing, Adjusting, and Balancing (TAB) technicians certified by the Associated Air Balance Council (AABC), National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB) or the Testing Adjusting and Balancing Bureau (TABB).

I also support the Commission requiring that all advanced lighting control related acceptance testing and documentation to be performed by California state certified general electricians who are also certified by the California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program (CALCTP).

Adopting these standards will ensure that there is consistency in meeting our energy efficiency goals.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Kehoe".

Christine Kehoe
Senator, District 39