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**To:** Commissioner Andrew McAllister  
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**From:** Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association, Pacific Affiliate

**RE: Pre-Rulemaking: 2016 Building Energy Efficiency Standards**

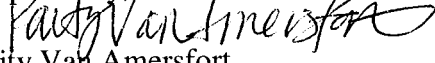
Dear Commissioner McAllister:

The Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association (HPBA) is a not-for-profit trade association that represents and promotes the interests of the hearth products industry in North America. HPBA has been following in the 2016 Building Energy Efficiency Standards during the pre-rulemaking phase. HPBA supports the drive towards for more energy efficient buildings. As homes become more energy efficient their heating and cooling loads diminish. As the State drives new construction towards zero energy housing, zoned or multiple efficient heating systems will save energy by providing conditioning for only the occupied living areas of the house.

HPBA Pacific would like to engage staff in discussions about zonal control requirements, test methodologies for gas vented fireplaces and minimum efficiency requirements. We would also like to work with CEC staff to ensure gas vented fireplaces are modeled correctly within the CBECC software.

HPBA looks forward to supporting the adoption of the 2016 Standards that allow zonally controlled heating appliances.

Respectfully,

  
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