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State Certification of Residential and Commercial Building Energy Codes

Dear Dr. Hogan:

As required by statute, the State of Maryland has reviewed the provisions of its building energy codes and has updated them appropriately. By legislation, the Maryland Building Performance Standards (MBPS) which was adopted in 1994 is updated every three years to coincide with the International Code Council (ICC) change cycle, as the ICC updates their I-codes. The MBPS adopted the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code and ASHRAE 90-1-2010 on January 1, 2012. Maryland legislation requires the State of Maryland to adopt the first printing of the latest International Building Code, International Residential Code and the International Energy Conservation Code within one year of publication by the ICC.

Maryland allows each local jurisdiction to make local amendments to the code provided those amendments do not weaken the current energy code requirements. Local jurisdictions have a six month period to make their modifications after the state adopts the MBPS. The energy code is a mandatory code for the state for all local jurisdictions and is published on your website, Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy - Building Energy Code Program pages.

The state energy code is enforced by local jurisdictions through the plans review and inspections process. Builders must demonstrate compliance to the local jurisdictions. Building professionals can use the DOE REScheck and COMcheck to show compliance.

We have prioritized our energy codes adoption to assure future energy savings in all of our buildings and residences. Maryland is committed to a robust improvement in energy efficiency by adopting the latest published energy codes. Maryland will adopt the 2015 International Energy Conservation Code when it is published in 2014; and the State has been involved with the energy code adoption hearings recently held in Dallas, Texas.



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We look forward to receiving any incentive funding which allows Maryland the opportunity to make progress in energy efficiency through the adoption of the latest energy code. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ed Landon, Director, Maryland Codes Administration, at telephone number 410-514-7444 or by email at landon@mdhousing.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Raymond A. Skinner".

Raymond A. Skinner
Secretary

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