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Attn: Building Energy Codes Program  
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-5B  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue S.W.  
Washington, DC 20585-0121  
Re: State Certification Letter

Dear Mr. David Cohan:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 304(b) of the Energy Conservation and Production Act (ECPA), as amended (42 U.S.C. 6833(b)(2)(B)(i)), each state must file certification statements to DOE by September 29, 2016, that it has reviewed the provisions of its building codes regarding energy efficiency and made a determination as to whether to update its code to meet or exceed ASHRAE 90.1 2013.

The State of Texas, in compliance with the ECPA, has reviewed the provisions of ASHRAE 90.1-2013 for energy efficiency in commercial buildings. The Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) has the authority to adopt new codes in Texas, but is limited by statute (Texas Health and Safety Code §388.003) to adopting only the most recent edition of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) without amendment for commercial buildings. SECO adopted the 2015 IECC effective Nov. 1, 2016, for all commercial and residential buildings greater than three stories above grade.

SECO also has authority (4 Tex. Gov. Code §447.002) to adopt rules relating to the development and implementation of energy and water conservation measures and programs applicable to state buildings and facilities. For state-funded buildings SECO adopted the ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2013, with an effective date of June 1, 2016.

For residential buildings, Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed HB 1736 on June 16, 2014 moving the state's single-family residential energy code from the 2009 code to the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC), Chapter 11, effective September 1, 2016. The Texas state legislature modified the 2015 IRC Energy Rating Index scores to a set of scaled scores that increases in stringency over time.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact me at 512-463-1931.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dub Taylor".

Dub Taylor, Director  
Texas State Energy Conservation Office