May 9, 2016

Mr. Gregory C. Mahoney
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CALBO CEC Advisory Committee, Chair
1022 G Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: CALBO's Concerns Regarding California Energy Code Compliance

Dear Mr. Mahoney:

The California Energy Commission has reviewed your letter written on behalf of CALBO expressing concern over both the complexity of the energy code and the amount of paperwork required to demonstrate compliance. Additionally, I received a letter on behalf of seven industry organizations, including the California Building Industry Association (CBIA) and the American Institute of Architects, and a letter from the San Joaquin valley Chapter of the International Code Counsel strongly supporting your request to simplify the standards and reduce compliance documentation.

Energy Commission staff appreciates the time and effort CALBO and these organizations have invested in helping identify issues with the energy code and especially appreciates the extra step taken by you to provide recommendations that would simplify the process. Upon initial review, the recommended changes requested by CALBO appear achievable and in alignment with staff's scope of work for the 2019 code cycle updates.

I understand that staff from the Building Standards Office has been working with you about the possibility of creating a committee consisting of representatives from all aspects of the industry to openly discuss ways of improving the compliance documentation process. The Energy Commission fully supports the creation of such a committee to work on implementing the recommendations from your April 26, 2016 letter and the continued collaboration with CALBO, CBIA, and other industry organizations to identify additional recommendations for improving the energy code.

If you have any questions about the proposed path forward, please contact my Advisor, Patrick Saxton, at (916) 654-4274 or Patrick.Saxton@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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