

Richard Karney  
Energy Star Program Manager

Dear Mr. Karney:

I'm writing in support of the proposed Energy Star standards of October 2001, and in opposition to Proposal 5. I believe Proposal 5 is a significant step backwards. Proposal 5 will effectively eliminate Caradco aluminum clad exterior windows from a very large geographic market.

The proposed October 2001 standard is the best solution for existing window technology and keeps current with existing energy codes. Energy code compliance is what our customers most desire. I believe our customers value options and features as much as they value energy performance. They value the multiple color exteriors that we are best able to provide them by using an aluminum exterior product.

Caradco, as a division of JELD-WEN, has invested substantial financial resources in education, marketing and merchandising materials that relate to the October 2001 standard. Please note that Caradco will not label product in regions that do not qualify under the Proposal 5 standard. I believe this will be a loss to the Energy Star program. Also note we will intensely educate all our present and future customers on the features and benefits of Caradco products. Regardless of whether they are Energy Star labeled.

Harry Blake

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