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Subject: Potential Revisions to Energy Star Policy

Dear Mr. Karney:

I am in favor of the four zone proposal, due to the calculated energy savings and choice of products for the appropriate climate zone.

Based on the website comments, I understand that there is an opinion that the 3 zone system offers "simplicity". This comment does not make sense for the energy policy and should not compromise the integrity of energy savings. From my understanding the Energy Star program should advise consumers to use the appropriate product for their climate zone. The specifications for the window should be derived from the best science available that takes all factors into consideration. However, the consumer does not need to understand the science behind the calculations. The consumer only needs to know how to pick the most energy efficient windows for their climate zone, i.e. this is what the Energy Star program is supposed to do.

Another comment was the difficulty in manufacture, inventory and logistics of carrying more varieties of windows. These are business issues and should not be a factor in the Energy Star program. The focus should be to advise consumers to purchase the most energy efficient product on the market.

Thank you for your attention,

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