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Subject: Energy Star

Mr. Karney,

After review of the two proposed criteria for the ENERGY STAR Windows Program, I want to inform you that I am 100% in favor of the four-zone criteria. Since my company is located in Cincinnati Ohio and we only produce windows for our region, which by the way is only currently 40 miles south of the northern region, we need to produce windows more for heating than we need to produce for cooling.

As a final comment I find that it is a shame that the window manufacturers in this country cannot include screens or shades for testing the solar heat gain in our windows. It's amazing that windows can be tested with argon which historically leaks out over time but the use of screens in close to 100% of the windows we manufacture does not count.

Thank you,

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