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Mr. Jonathan Passe
ENERGY STAR for Homes National Partner Support Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Mr. Passe,

I am writing on behalf of PPG Industries to express our unqualified support for the proposed changes to the ENERGY STAR Qualified Home Guidelines. As you indicated, it has been more than a decade since the initial ENERGY STAR guidelines were introduced by the EPA. Since that time, building product and appliance manufacturers have made dramatic improvements in the energy performance of their products. Many of these advances were made with the explicit goal of earning the ENERGY STAR label.

The proposed new guidelines represent an opportunity to raise the bar again. At PPG, we regard ENERGY STAR as the gold standard of energy performance guidelines and we're proud that our performance coated glass products (as well as many of our high-performance coatings and paints) have achieved these high standards of excellence.

With costs and demand for energy continuing to rise, we believe it critical that the EPA make the ENERGY STAR standard integral to the ENERGY STAR Qualified Homes guidelines.

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to contribute our thoughts. Feel free to call me if there is anything else we can offer to your discussions.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Rupert