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Mr. Richard H. Karney, P.E., Manager
Energy Star Program
Building Technologies Program
Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20685

Dear Mr. Karney:

I am president of a small manufacturing company producing windows for the residential market. We are located north of Atlanta and our sales area is predominantly in the southeast. We have been a supporter of the "Energy Star" program since its inception.

We have serious reservations about the performance criteria involved. However, we are willing to support the new proposal that has four geographic segments. We believe that this option will have the greatest impact and give the greatest desired result.

It would be extremely beneficial to the entire sector if Energy Star were more in line with IECC. If energy savings are indeed the objective, the industry is better served by the standard set forth by IECC.

The proposed effective date of August 29, 2003 invites disastrous results for my company and every other window manufacturer. In these times of strained economic resources, it would be a burden of immense proportions to change our marketing programs, perform the necessary testing and reprint literature in the middle of the year. We are currently finding it difficult to get adequate supplies for double silver, solar reflective products. If this implementation occurs, I greatly fear that small companies like mine will be effectively shut out of the market.

I urge you to reconsider the implementation date and take steps to coordinate the efforts of "Energy Star" and IECC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. Bailey Bowline". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

W. Bailey Bowline
President and CEO