

March 20, 2003

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Dear Mr. Karney:

Your revisions to the Energy Star criteria will effectively kill aluminum windows in 95% of the United States. Adopting the Energy Star 2003 proposal eliminates over 1600 aluminum window products from the NFRC Directory and eliminates about 50 aluminum window manufacturers. The Energy Star 2003 proposal will eliminate thousands of jobs. This will have a very significant and negative impact on the economy in states where aluminum manufacturers and their suppliers have been in business for decades. THIS IS NOT GOOD PUBLIC POLICY. This will force consumers to pay more for their houses and also endure life safety, environmental and long-term durability concerns that are inherent with vinyl windows.

I propose that the Zone 4 map be maintained with the following enhancements, thus tens of thousands of U.S. citizens who have worked in this industry can continue to work in this industry and the country will save even more energy than the current Energy Star Criteria.

Four Climate Zones (U-Factor/SHGC)

| <u>Zone</u>   | <u>Current<br/>Energy Star</u> | <u>Proposed<br/>Energy Star</u> | <u>My<br/>Position</u> |
|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| South         | 0.75/0.40                      | 0.75/0.40                       | 0.65/0.35              |
| South/Central | 0.75/0.40                      | 0.40/0.40                       | 0.65/0.35              |
| North/Central | 0.40/0.55                      | 0.40/0.40                       | 0.50/0.35              |
| North         | 0.35/any                       | 0.35/any                        | 0.42/0.50              |

Before you destroy thousands of jobs of Americans (mine included) I would like the opportunity to meet with you in person and plead my case.

Thank you very much.

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