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To whom it may concern:

Regarding the Energy Star Version 7.0 Draft. Energy Star currently offers \$200 tax credit for windows and it has ended for products installed by December 21, 2021. Whether it becomes extended by congress remains to be seen.

The increased cost to the consumer for window products for a \$200 credit isn't worth it when adding dual low-e glass or triple glaze to meet the criteria, since those options double or triple the price of the product. A \$10,000 order for windows all of sudden becomes \$20,000 - \$30,000 just to meet energy star requirements. The payback just isn't there.

And why are the U-values more stringent than what is in the IECC Code? They should be more in line with the IECC. Energy efficiency requirements in the Northern Zone (which covers roughly half of the U.S.) of a < 0.22 U-factor is not achievable by those of us selling aluminum clad window and door products. The baseline U-factor of 0.22 is virtually impossible to hit with a standard double-pane insulating glass unit.

If these types of unrealistic numbers are going to be expected, we will choose to opt out of the program.

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