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Mr. Douglas Anderson
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RE: ENERGY STAR® Windows, Doors, and Skylights Version 7.0 Final Draft specification

Mr. Anderson:

I write today to express support for the ENERGY STAR® Version 7.0 Final Draft specification. Backed by robust, thorough analysis, EPA has been comprehensive in its comments and modifications to previous drafts. The final specification represents significant, achievable progress towards strengthening the weakest link in residential buildings' thermal envelope.

The revised specification is a critical tool for organizations focused on shaping energy efficiency and market transformation programs. While clearly impactful for addressing US energy and decarbonization goals, there is also a strong social justice link. Currently, only a subset of Americans can afford the substantial energy, comfort, durability, and building resiliency benefits of higher-performing glazing, as associated product features are most often included only in premium product lines or imported alternatives. The higher-performance features present in Version 7.0-compliant products will expand the accessibility of their benefits to substantially more Americans. Further, with cost-effective domestic manufacturing capability already in place (backed by current NFRC data), there is opportunity for US industry to further innovate and thrive as it scales up production and sales of products meeting the ENERGY STAR® Version 7.0 standard.

At VEIC, a Vermont-based clean energy organization that works to advance decarbonization across the country, we look forward to supporting a timely 2023 transition to ENERGY STAR® Version 7.0 in collaboration with utilities, manufacturers, dealers, and contractors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Foster". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rebecca Foster
CEO