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1200 W Washington St
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RE: Docket No E-00000XX-13-0214, Please Oppose Weakened Energy Efficiency Standards

Dear Arizona Corporation Commissioners:

I learned recently of a proposal to eliminate the requirement for utilities to meet a portion of demand through energy efficiency. Please do not view this as a partisan issue.

The independent research on this subject is unambiguous.

The current policy keeps jobs and economic benefits in Arizona, reduces the cost of living and doing business in Arizona, and helps to conserve resources and the environment for future generations. Improving the efficiency of homes and businesses does not just save money for consumers today. It saves money and helps lower the cost of energy for consumers and businesses in the future.

While energy costs may be stable now, let us not forget the past. Sources of energy, availability of resources, consumption patterns, and environmental standards change over time. Energy efficiency is one of the most reliable ways to insulate ourselves from that uncertainty.

Weakening these standards would be irresponsible.

Sincerely,

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