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Dear Chairman Stump and Commissioners,

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As the owner of Custom Energy Design, an Arizona Home Performance Contractor, I have seen first hand the impact that is being made in the Phoenix area thanks to the Energy Efficiency Standards adopted in 2010. We have built a business that directly employs 12 Arizonans while helping valley residents save hundreds of dollars each year on their energy bills. My professional background, unlike most of my colleagues, is NOT in energy efficiency or building science. But over the past 2 years I've learned that the opportunity to make an impact and help our fellow Arizonans save money and conserve energy is phenomenal. Through the Home Performance Program, I've witnessed hundreds of households become aware of the opportunity to make minor improvements on their home that have a huge impact on their energy consumption. We, as an industry, have made a significant impact. But at the same time, we have only scratched the surface that needs to be addressed. While I don't have access to the complete data set across the Home Performance industry, it is my understanding that approximately 3-4% of the homes in the Phoenix Metro Area that qualify to participate in the Home Performance Program have actually had an Energy Audit--the first step towards becoming more Energy Efficient through the Home Performance Program. The proposed elimination of Arizona's Energy Efficiency Standard will no doubt hamper the efforts of growing this number! I realize that the rebates offered by the local utilities will not be around forever, but I'm concerned that the elimination of the Energy Efficiency Standards will prematurely cause the rebates to end abruptly--just when we are getting started at helping Arizonans realize the opportunity for Energy Savings and Energy Conservation.

I urge you to oppose the elimination of Arizona's Energy Efficiency Standards.

I am confident you will do the right thing for Arizona and our local economy. Please continue to support the Energy Efficiency Standards adopted in 2010.

Sincerely yours,

Marshall Leeper
Owner, Custom Energy Design