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Dear Chairman Stump and Commissioners:

I have recently learned of a proposal to eliminate Arizona's energy efficiency standards, and I am very concerned. The Docket No which is of concern to me is No E-00000XX-13-0214.

Arizona's Electric Energy Efficiency Standard is one of the stronger and more effective standards in the country. It has moved Arizona from the middle of the pack of States to the top fifteen in energy efficiency, and is being considered as model legislation by several other states. It is demonstrably true that these standards have reduced, through efficiency, the energy costs for residents throughout Arizona. Programs instituted as a result of the EES create jobs here in Arizona, helping drive down energy costs, and are a clear net benefit to the economy. Providing the incentive to do such simple things as using more efficient air conditioners and other appliances, repairing leaky ductwork, etc., not only reduces utility bills, but also saves water and reduces air pollution. Any policy that tends to make such efforts less likely is clearly ill-advised and counter-productive.

I urge you, as a Commission, to go on record as opposed to weakening or rolling back any provisions that provide such benefit to the voters of the State of Arizona.

While I'm retired, the builders and contractors whom I personally know find the standards effective and useful at keeping a level playing field by requiring a base line of acceptable construction. Any weakening of efficiency requirements will inevitably result in a lesser standard.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

James C. McPherson

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