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ATTN: Building Energy Codes Program
Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, EE-2J
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20585-0121

Re: State Certification of Residential and Commercial Building Energy Codes

Dear Secretary Hogan:

West Virginia supports the energy efficiency and cost savings afforded by the adoption of residential and commercial energy codes. To that end, West Virginia has adopted the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code for residential construction and the ASHRAE 90.1-2007 standard for commercial building construction.

The ASHRAE 90.1-2007 becomes effective September 1, 2013, and the 2009 IECC is effective November 30, 2013.

Assurances in relation to the adoption of these energy codes provided by the state of West Virginia as required for U.S. Department of Energy funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act have been met. ARRA further required that states demonstrate 90 percent compliance with these energy codes by 2017.

Training now being provided to the state's built community on the residential and commercial codes will help West Virginia meet that requirement. Once the goal has been achieved, West Virginia will again initiate hearings on the adoption of the new energy codes.

Sincerely,

Earl Ray Tomblin

Governor

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cc: Jeff Herholdt Jr., West Virginia Division of Energy