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Dear:

I am writing to express strong support for the energy reduction targets in Section 241 of S. 1462 and to urge you to support amending Section 241 to reflect the same target dates provided in Section 201 of the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 (H.R. 2454) for building energy code updates. Industry professionals confirm that the building energy code updates in Section 241 of S. 1462 (and Section 201 of H.R. 2454) are achievable and cost effective within the timeline provided by these target dates, which are as follows:

- 30% below the baseline energy code in 2010,
- 50% below the baseline energy code in 2014-2015, and
- 5% additional reduction every three years to 2029-2030.

These energy reduction targets and target dates are derived from the '2030 Challenge', a widely adopted, realistically paced strategy for achieving the greenhouse gas emissions reductions necessary within the timeline called for by the scientific community. The 2030 Challenge, which has been adopted across the nation with complete bipartisan support, is now in the process of being implemented. All West Coast states - California, Oregon and Washington - have passed legislation adopting the Challenge targets and are currently crafting new energy codes to implement them. Other adopters include the:

- American Institute of Architects,
- U.S. Conference of Mayors,
- National Association of Counties,
- National Governors Association,
- US Green Building Council,
- American Society of Interior Designers,
- Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture,
- Congress for the New Urbanism,
- and numerous professional and industry organizations, design firms, and cities, counties, and states.

I support the targets and timelines above, and ask that you join me by supporting them as well. I also ask that Senate building energy code legislation contain sufficient support and funding for code development, enforcement, and training of state and local government officials.

Sincerely,

Your Name...