Dear SBCC,

I am a builder in Washington state, mostly working in the Puget Sound area. I urge you to adopt the 3 ACH50 residential air tightness requirement of IECC 2012, Section R402.41.2, without amendment. I have experience in achieving air tightness levels down to below 2 ACH50, and find that 3 ACH50 is a modest, practical requirement, attainable by many minimally competent trade persons. Once we started testing for air tightness, getting tighter than 3 ACH has been a motivating challenge, and we regularly get to 2 or less ACH using fairly conventional methods, and often working with different subcontractors on each job, each of whom has been able to perform at this level. We are also currently building to achieve below 0.6 ACH50 on a single family house.

Sincerely, Sloan

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