



September 21, 2012

Ray Allshouse, Chairman
Washington State Building Code Council
1500 Jefferson Avenue SE
Olympia, Washington 98504-1449

Chairman Allshouse and Council Members,

I am writing in support of the proposed energy code as submitted to the Council by the Mechanical, Ventilation and Energy Committee based on the work of the Technical Advisory Group. The Committee and TAG were given the difficult job of changing from the Washington State Energy Code to the International Energy Conservation Code. They spent many hours first in creating a base document which merged the two codes and then vetting proposals to amend that base document. The result is a substantial but not extreme increase in efficiency relative to the current 2009 Washington State Energy Code.

With regard to CMU walls, which have been discussed extensively during public testimony, I would note that Option 1 sets the requirement at the same level as the national model code. It is not a radical or inappropriate level to include in the new code.

I urge the Council to support the TAG process and adopted the proposed cost-effective energy code as submitted by the MV&E Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Cohan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Cohan
Senior Manager, Codes & Standards