



March 3, 2014

Connecticut State Legislature
Energy and Technology Committee
Legislative Office Building, RM 3900
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: . **S.B. No. 352** (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUILDING CODE (ET)

Dear Senator Duff, Representative Reed and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today to ask that you support Proposed Bill No.352, which will require the State Building Code to incorporate the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). This bill will have a positive impact on goals put forth in PA-1180, in which the expectation is that 80% of our Connecticut homes will be weatherized by 2030. This bill brings to the forefront, the significant value to homeowners by having their new homes constructed to a high standard of saving energy or home retrofit work being held to a higher energy savings as well.

The Home Performance Alliance of Connecticut, (HPACT) is an industry association comprised of contractors that perform home energy audits and home diagnostic testing, as well as the services that follow the testing, such as, installation of solar units, insulation, air quality remediation, heating and cooling equipment, air sealing, and much more. A large portion of our members' customer base are Connecticut residents looking to improve their homes' energy usage. Knowing that their contractors will be held to a high standard of energy saving methods will provide the reassurance they need to make the home improvement investment.

The 2012 International Energy Conservation Codes cover new construction, additions, remodeling, window replacement and repairs of specified buildings. The code provisions are intended to ensure the design of energy efficient building envelopes. They also address the energy efficiency of elements that do not affect the building envelope, such as mechanical, water heating, electrical, and lighting equipment. The residential portion of the code applies to buildings that are detached one or two family dwellings and buildings that contain three or more dwelling units and are three stories or less in height. The commercial portion of the code applies to all non-residential buildings and to multifamily buildings over three stories in height.

Adoption of the 2012 IECC codes will provide Connecticut residents with assurances that their property investments are being completed with energy efficiency standards in mind.

Additionally in the bill, is the implementation of a DEEP recommended Home Energy Rating System. HPACT also supports this action and believes it complements the implementation of the IECC codes as well.

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Home Performance Alliance of Connecticut

Thank you for your time and attention. Should you require any further information or have any questions at all, please let me know. HPACT is readily available to assist the Energy and Technology Committee with any further questions or clarifications. I can be reached at 860-916-3554 or via email, tlavoie@thereslink.com.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,



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