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Washington State Building Code Council  
1500 Jefferson Street SE  
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Via e-mail to [sbcc@des.wa.gov](mailto:sbcc@des.wa.gov)

**RE: Adoption of the 2018 WSEC-Residential – SUPPORT**

Dear Washington State Building Code Council:

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) is a national trade association representing a diverse set of companies engaged in the business of chemistry. Our membership includes approximately 150 U.S. chemical and plastic manufacturers, including companies in Washington that provide over 6,700 direct jobs. Our members are committed to the safety of their products and public health through Responsible Care® and other beneficial programs. Over 96% of all manufactured goods are directly touched by the business of chemistry, making this industry an essential part of our nation's economy.

Adopting the provisions of the 2018 IECC for residential construction will be good for Washington's economy. Washington has a vibrant manufacturing sector. Many businesses employ people in the production and sale of building products and systems used to increase the energy efficiency of buildings and homes. These companies have also invested substantially in R&D that leads to cutting edge products with enormous environmental and cost savings. Similarly new tools of material science are being used to test and evaluate innovation before incorporation into the code. Adopting an updated energy code takes advantage of innovation and technology in a win-win that supports consumers, home owners, workers, and the state economy.

Washington State has been a leader in energy efficiency and we are enthusiastic to see your efforts continue with the adoption of the 2018 WSEC-Residential. We are happy to answer any questions that you have as you work to maximize building energy efficiency. Please contact me at if we can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay Stovall".

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