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Dear Mr. Koons,

On behalf of the Efficient Building Advisory Group, I would like to thank you for your thoughtful and detailed letter regarding the Summit Sustainable Building Code (January 10) Draft.

The Summit County Builders Association (SCBA) is a valued partner in our endeavor to create a locally relevant, achievable and meaningful sustainable building code for Summit County. We are especially grateful for the participation of your two designated representatives, Verne Hedges and Randy Barrientez.

As you are aware, we have been meeting for over two years to get to the point where we are today. A flow chart of the process is posted at [www.highcountryconservation/green\\_building.htm](http://www.highcountryconservation/green_building.htm), and a brief summary follows

- Review of other existing "efficient" building codes; identification of desired traits in a local code.
- Rating of locally relevant, achievable building practices based on framework from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) from the US Green Building Council through a voting process. *This report was distributed to the Efficient Building Advisory Group in September 2006 and is now posted at: [www.highcountryconservation/green\\_building.htm](http://www.highcountryconservation/green_building.htm)*
- Draft of code concept by Efficient Building Working Group
- Presentation of code concept by Efficient Building Advisory Group
- Revision of code concept and development of draft code language
- Review of applicability of draft code through "test houses"
- Presentation of draft code to Efficient Building Advisory Group
- Presentation of draft code to public, including Summit County Builders Association
- Revision of draft code; development of final draft
- Presentation to Town Councils and County Commissioners for potential adoption.

For your reference, the point values in the code and the distinction of mandatory and secondary measures are representative of the rating process (described above) conducted by the Efficient Building Advisory Group. As a general statement, energy conserving measures were rated highly and are thusly favored in this code.

Not detailed in the flow chart or the summary above are the energy calculations done by Randy Wheelock to compare potential energy savings of measures such as increasing insulation values and installing renewable energy systems. These calculations were designed to ensure that the point values of energy measures were fairly represented among the many methods available and identified in the code.

Also, as you are aware, last year's adoption of state legislation (HB 1146) requiring local jurisdictions to adopt the 2003 IECC or later by July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year affected some of the values in the draft of this code.

As mentioned above, we are grateful for the thoughtful comments provided in the February 25<sup>th</sup> letter from SCBA. To respond to these comments and address the issues they identified, the Efficient Building Advisory Group met twice, on February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>.

On behalf of the group, I have compiled the responses to the itemized list of concerns and comments presented with that letter. They are attached here and correspond to the list sent with the February 25<sup>th</sup> letter. The second draft of the code reflects these changes and accompanies this letter (and is posted at: [www.highcountryconservation/green\\_building.htm](http://www.highcountryconservation/green_building.htm)).

We believe that we have addressed the concerns stated in your letter to the best of our ability, and with the consensus of the Efficient Building Advisory Group. Much of the feedback in the SCBA letter was incorporated into the current draft, and some items were addressed or explained here, but did not change the code. As you are aware, some of the comments in the SCBA letter conflicted with others within that letter.

At this point in the process, we are hopeful that you will consider these responses and join us in supporting the Summit Sustainable Building Code.

Sincerely,

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