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**Via Electronic Delivery Only**

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Dear Mr. Erickson:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Housing First Minnesota, Rochester Area Builders, Central Minnesota Builders Association, Builders Association of Minnesota, Building Industry Association Red River Valley, Mid-Minnesota Builders Association, and Northern Minnesota Builders Association requesting that the Department utilize the full 270-day period permitted by statute between adoption and enforcement of the next Minnesota Residential Energy Code. I appreciate hearing from you and value your perspective.

The Department recognizes that the upcoming code revisions, as well as the introduction of new compliance pathways, will require substantial training and preparation for both builders and code officials. The Department also acknowledges the consistently high-quality work performed by Minnesota's home builders. Your longstanding commitment to energy efficiency, innovation, construction technology, and best practices places you among leaders in the nation. We appreciate the professionalism and dedication you bring to advancing efficient and high-performing residential construction throughout the state.

After reviewing your request, we find it reasonable and appropriate. Accordingly, the Department will plan to utilize the full 270-day statutory implementation period. We expect that full use of this allowable timeframe will provide builders with the opportunity to become familiar with the updated requirements and well prepared for compliance when the new Residential Energy Code takes effect.

Sincerely,



Nicole Blissenbach  
Commissioner

CC:

Todd Green, Director, Construction Codes and Licensing Division  
Greg Metz, State Building Official and Assistant Director, Construction Codes and Licensing Division