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RE: 2017 State of New Mexico Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Qualified Allocation Plan

Dear Ms. Biernacki,

As the Grassroots Government Advocacy Chair for our local New Mexico chapter of ASHRAE, on behalf of our Board of Governors, I reviewed this document and would like to take to opportunity to state that lowering the Home Energy Rating System (HERS) index requirement (representing higher energy efficiency compliance in affordable house construction and renovation) is a step in the right direction.

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ASHRAE believes it is important that government, business and industry have open access to multiple rating systems and there are several available for use. I request your consideration in implementing Tax Credit allocation for compliance with ASHRAE Standards 90.2 - 2007 "Energy Efficient Design of Low-Rise Residential Buildings" and 62.2 - 2007 "Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings". These standards require increased energy efficiency and improved health of occupants. If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself or any member of this chapter at newmexicoashrae@gmail.com, and to refer to the Standards at the ASHRAE website at www.ashrae.org.

Sincerely yours,

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