

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 26, 2024

Jospeh R. Biden  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

We write in strong opposition to the proposed adoption of the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) as the minimum energy efficiency standard for all Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Department of Agriculture (USDA) financed new construction homes. This new standard would greatly decrease housing affordability and availability for homebuyers of HUD- and USDA-financed homes.

As you know, the nation is experiencing a housing affordability crisis and there are many existing challenges to address that concern. In fact, HUD estimates that applying the 2021 IECC standards would cause new home prices to rise by an average of \$7,200 per single-family home. Additionally, National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) data shows that around 107 million households are already unable to afford the median price of a new home. The adoption of this new standard will price an additional 724,525 households out of the market.

Let us be clear, 44 states have not adopted the 2021 IECC because they understand this would greatly harm homebuilders and buyers alike. Now is not the time to implement additional regulations that add more uncertainty, delays, or costs to the home building process. This requirement will have a disproportionate impact on historically underserved communities and first-time home buyers who are highly sensitive to price and down payment increases at the low- to mid-price range of the housing market.

It is clear that adoption of the 2021 IECC by HUD and USDA will negatively impact homebuyers' ability to find and afford new construction housing. We respectfully request you do not move forward with adopting this standard and protect housing opportunities for all Americans.

Sincerely,

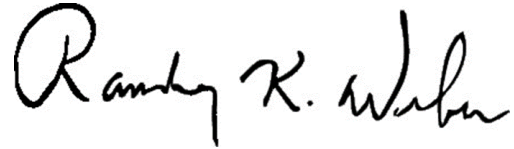


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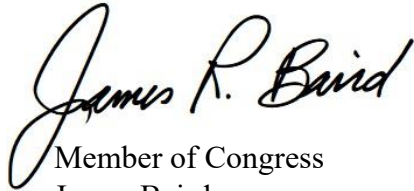
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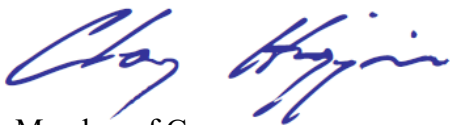
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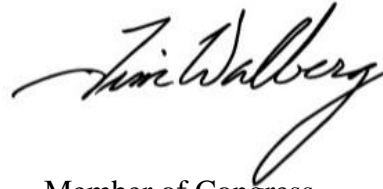
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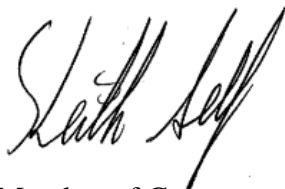
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