

BEFORE THE NEVADA ENERGY COMMISSIONER
COMMENT/REPLY COMMENT INFORMATION FORM

Rulemaking to adopt, amend, or repeal)
regulations pertaining to Chapter 701)
of the Nevada Administrative Code related)
to the conservation of energy in buildings,)
including manufactured homes, adoption)
of 2009 IECC pursuant to Nevada Revised)
Statutes 701.220.)
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To the Nevada Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Authority:

I am writing on behalf of Environment Nevada to urge you to adopt the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), issued by the International Code Council.

Nevada's continued reliance on fossil fuels is endangering our environment with rapidly advancing global warming and costing our families and businesses too much money. The buildings we live and work in account for almost half our total energy use and pollution, so improving the energy efficiency of our buildings is a key step in moving away from the dirty fossil fuels of the past and toward a sustainable energy future.

There is enormous potential for energy savings in our buildings using existing technologies, so we need to strengthen our state code to make sure that every home and every office building we build is designed to use as little energy as possible. The 2009 IECC is almost 20% more efficient than the current state code. This improvement would conserve almost 20 trillion Btu, prevent the emission of 1 million metric tons of CO₂, save Nevada home and business owners \$137 million, and jumpstart the transition to a clean energy economy.

The buildings we build today will last an average of 40 years; if we don't enact strong efficiency standards now, then our new buildings will be wasting energy for decades to come. Bold action to improve the efficiency of our nation's buildings would go a long way toward meeting Nevada's energy challenges and stopping global warming. But, we must act now. I urge you to adopt the 2009 IECC code and protect it from weakening amendments so we can start building a better future today.