



May 1, 2018

Director Angela Dykema
Nevada Governor's Office of Energy
755 North Roop Street, Suite 202
Carson City, Nevada 89701

RE: Support for LCB File No. R153-17

Dear Director Dykema:

On behalf of the member companies of the American Chemistry Council (ACC), thank you for the opportunity to comment in support on LCB File No. R153-17.

ACC represents more than 170 companies engaged in all aspects of the \$797 billion business of chemistry. More than 96 percent of all manufactured goods are touched directly through the business of chemistry including life-saving medical devices, automobile air bags, energy efficient building and construction products such as plastic foam insulation and house wraps, solar cells, child safety seats, and products that help ensure drinking water is clean and safe. In Nevada, the business of chemistry provides nearly 1,600 direct jobs, generating \$10 million in state and local taxes, and shipping \$145 million in products around the world.

In order to make the most of our nation's energy resources, ACC urges policymakers to prioritize energy efficiency in the nation's energy portfolio. These efforts include adoption of strong building energy efficiency codes at the state level as most recently incorporated in the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (2018 IECC).

The amendments of R153-17 provide for the adoption of the 2018 IECC and automatic adoption of the most recent version every third year thereafter.

Adopting the 2018 IECC for residential and commercial construction is good for Nevada business. Companies in the advanced manufacturing sector provide quality jobs for the people of Nevada. These companies have invested in R&D and are producing cutting edge products with enormous environmental and cost savings benefits. Similarly, new tools of material science are being used to test and evaluate innovation before incorporation into the code. Adopting a strong energy code takes advantage of innovation and technology in a win-win that supports consumers, home owners, workers, and the state economy.

ACC strongly supports adoption and implementation of the 2018 IECC and we are happy to answer any questions that you have as you work to maximize building energy



efficiency. Please contact me at if we can be of any further assistance at 916-448-2581 or via email at tim_shestek@americanchemistry.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'Ti' followed by a stylized, cursive flourish that extends to the right.

Tim Shestek
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