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Mr. David Wassmansdorf
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Dear Mr. Wassmansdorf:

Thank you for providing me with a copy of your September 16 letter addressed to the Honourable R. John Efford and the Honourable Reg Alcock, President of the Treasury Board, concerning support for the R-2000 standard.

As you may know, the R-2000 standard currently is a premier standard in Canada for the construction of energy-efficient new housing. It also offers a solid platform upon which to build as Canada improves the environmental performance of our housing stock. Notwithstanding the comparatively small number of new homes that have been R-2000 certified since its inception, R-2000 has had an important influence on Canadian housing.

For government and industry to achieve further reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from housing and communities, the utility of a variety of program and policy instruments, including standards such as R-2000 and possibly their reference in building codes, needs to be considered. It is important that the benefits of housing built to this level of performance be delivered as broadly as possible by the home building industry.

Thank you for expressing your support for this standard, which has served Canadians so well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe Fontana".

The Honourable Joe Fontana, P.C., M.P.

c.c. The Honourable Reg Alcock, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable John McCallum, P.C., M.P.
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