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The Honourable Gary Lunn  
Minister  
Natural Resources Canada  
580 Booth Street, 21st Floor, Room C7-1  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0E4

Dear Minister:

I am writing concerning the opportunity to expand the use of the R-2000 designation to include homes that have undergone renovation.

At present, the R-2000 designation is applied only to newly built homes. Given that the R-2000 Standard is based on performance, there is no technical barrier preventing older homes being renovated to meet this standard.

Clearly, such a project would represent a significant challenge for a professional renovator. However, striving to reach ambitious goals is what leads to technical innovation in the home building industry, something that benefits all Canadian homeowners.

Effective renovation of the existing housing stock represents the best opportunity for significantly improving the energy efficiency of the residential sector, and, in so doing, addressing the government's climate change goals. While the government's ecoENERGY initiative encourages energy upgrades in existing homes, there is a real need to provide homeowners with a meaningful benchmark that shows them what is possible in this area.

Recognizing this, the CHBA believes that extending the R-2000 Initiative to include existing homes that meet the R-2000 Standard makes good sense. It will challenge our industry to become more innovative. It will challenge Canadian homeowners to think about energy efficiency improvements in a new way.

I ask that you give this matter your consideration and I would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you at your convenience.

Yours truly,

Richard Lind  
President