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Dear Mr. Lind:

Thank you for your letter of March 6, 2008, regarding the potential sharing of information on the energy performance of the existing housing stock that is held by Natural Resources Canada in the EnerGuide for Houses database.

Currently, the EnerGuide for Houses database contains records for more than 272,000 houses, with before and after energy performance-related data available for 43 percent of the houses. In addition, the database that supports the new ecoENERGY Retrofit – Homes program contains even more extensive information, with 120,000 houses already evaluated since April 2007.

We would be pleased to share information on the energy performance of our housing stock with your industry. In fact, a departmental official, Ms. Barbara Mullally Pauly, Senior Chief, Housing Programs in the Energy Technology and Programs Sector, presented an overview of the EnerGuide data to the Canadian Renovators' Council on April 3, 2008, and offered to share this useful information with the Canadian Home Builders' Association.

Again, thank you for writing on this important matter and for the continued collaboration of your association.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Lunn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and a period at the end.

The Honourable Gary Lunn, P.C., M.P.

Canada The word "Canada" in a bold, serif font, followed by a small icon of the Canadian flag.