



Canadian
Home Builders'
Association

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The Honourable Ralph Goodale
Minister of Natural Resources Canada
Sir William Logan Building
580 Booth Street, 21st Floor
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1E7

Dear Minister:

As you are aware, the Canadian Home Builders' Association has expressed its opposition to the adoption by provincial governments of the Model National Energy Code for Houses (MNECH). We expressed our dismay when the federal government included the MNECH in its climate action plan, and indicated that it intends to encourage the adoption and enhancement of the MNECH.

Our industry has achieved very significant success on the energy efficiency front in partnership with your Department. This achievement is due largely to voluntary, market-driven approaches, such as R-2000 and EnerGuide, and is something to celebrate.

I have enclosed for your review an analysis of the MNECH. It points out that the adoption of the MNECH as a building regulation would be extremely counterproductive. As well, we are very concerned about the economic and scientific integrity of the MNECH, as well as its inherent impracticality.

I would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

Dick Miller
CHBA President