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To: All CHBA Members

From: John Hrynkow, President

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Re: **Liability Related to Green Home Labeling and Rating Initiatives**

In an effort to keep CHBA members informed on matters related to **business risk** and **liability** in the rapidly developing area of **green building**, the CHBA has examined potential liability issues related to green home labeling and rating systems. **I urge members to review these important materials.** Simply click on the embedded links to download your copy.

The first paper [Liability Exposure in Green Labeling](#) provides a detailed review of **risks that builders and Home Builders' Associations face** through involvement in green label initiatives, and offers suggestions on how to manage these risks. The paper highlights the **critical importance** of having appropriate **contracts** in place if liability risk is to be minimized.

The second paper, [EnerGuide's Contractual Exposure](#) uses the principles laid out in the first paper to examine the current state of the EnerGuide Rating System. **Lack of appropriate contractual arrangements** will pose significant **risks to builders and Home Builders' Associations** participating in EnerGuide.