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The Honourable Lisa Raitt
Minister of Natural Resources Canada
580 Booth Street,
Ottawa, ON K1A 0E4

Dear Minister Raitt:

On behalf of the Canadian Home Builders' Association (CHBA), I want to thank you for the invitation to participate in the National Roundtable on Integrated Community Energy Solutions, scheduled for October 23 in Milton, Ontario.

Unfortunately, the Association's semi-annual meetings are scheduled for that date and require my presence in Ottawa, so I will be unable to join you in Milton.

The CHBA is committed to taking a pro-active role in the development of environmentally responsible communities. This policy, endorsed by our membership, is reflected in our continued work with your department on a number of important initiatives such as R-2000, the EnerGuide Rating System and the Equilibrium - Communities initiative.

Integrated energy systems represent another important area where there is considerable potential to provide Canadians with high quality homes and communities, while reducing environmental impacts. The CHBA was pleased to participate in the recent consultations to support development of the Community Energy Solutions Roadmap, organized by the Office of Energy Efficiency.

As the work of the Roundtable proceeds, I would be pleased to participate on behalf of the CHBA in any future meetings.

Yours truly,

Gary Friend
President