

## Kathy Hehnly

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**From:** Ben and Laura Pollard <blpollard@cox.net>  
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**To:** Kathy Hehnly  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] public comment document

Dear OUBCC administrators and members,

I am writing you out of concern for the process of updating the 2006 Energy Efficiency codes. I have attended two previous hearings on the matter. Then it was tabled for further study. Now, I am contacting you again to express my support for moving forward to update the codes to the 2018 IECC (at a minimum).

At the earlier hearings there were representatives from a variety of professional and trade representatives including architects, engineers, HVAC companies and home remodelers who expressed very clearly that not having more up to date codes created undue challenges and hardships for their businesses. Specifically, it was explained that the computer programs used by many of these firms did not recognize such outdated codes. The Chairman of the your board spoke in the second hearing to emphasize the importance of having these codes uniform and updated in line with other codes.

It became apparent in some of the comments made by your board at these hearings, that there might have been political pressures behind the scenes by special interest groups who did not want the codes updated.

As stated in your mission statement, your board is charged with safeguarding the PUBLIC health safety and welfare statewide. That means all citizens. It seems clear to me as a private citizen that energy efficient buildings are needed. And, from previous testimony at the public hearings, there appears to be support for the code upgrades by tradespeople. So, as board members with responsibility to act for **all** citizens and not just private interest groups, please enact these changes to upgrade the outdated codes.

Please respond so I know you received this e mail and included it with your other public comments.

Sincerely,

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