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Dear Mr. Kabacoff,

I've learned that as part of the Energy Policy Task Force's Mission you are considering including a voluntary Standard of Sustainability (SOS), authored by Dr. Myron Katz, Dr. Norman Witriol and Christophor Faust of The Regen Group. Please be informed that I have reviewed this measure and attended a presentation to the Joint Engineer Society of Louisiana that they gave this past January on it.

The SOS is essentially a collection of well established, peer reviewed ASHRAE, FEMA, HUD, DOE & LEED standards and guidelines that were assembled to create a marketplace acknowledgement of how many of the State's residential housing failure mechanisms might be addressed in an "above-Code" fashion. Additionally having independent 3rd party commissioning of the overall construction process has proven to be a fruitful "energy & quality assurance" measure. While the SOS is a unique approach in the level of performance it seeks to obtain for residential housing, I do not feel it is unobtainable or unsound from a safety/engineering perspective.

Based upon these considerations, I strongly encourage that the SOS be adopted as a voluntary above-code measure.

Sincerely,

JESC Attendee

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