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Dear Colorado State Representatives and Senators,

We believe in building quality homes – homes that are healthy, safe, and comfortable for families. Homes that stand up to severe weather and last for a century or more. Homes that are affordable, not just in the purchase price but in monthly bills as well. Homes that help a local community thrive. Homes that underpin Colorado's economy.

HB19-1260 will benefit all Coloradans, and we urge you to support it. All Coloradans deserve a healthy, safe, resilient, energy-efficient home, regardless of if they happen to live in the front range, the western slope, the mountain towns, the plains, the San Luis Valley, or the four corners. Whether your new home is in one jurisdiction or the next shouldn't determine how well it's built.

As builders who care about attention to detail, we know the little things matter. The newer energy codes have incremental changes that add up to a far better, safer, healthier, more resilient, and more energy-efficient home. As builders who have collectively built many thousands of homes, we can attest that newer energy codes are accessible, reachable, and flexible, without breaking the bank. With 110 or more Colorado jurisdictions in all parts of the state already on or moving to newer codes, the evidence of that is undisputable. As a member of the Grand County Builders' Association we advocated in our community for the successful adoption of the 2015 IECC which went into effect in our area in 2018.

Homebuyers in the market for a brand-new home in 2019 deserve 2019 levels of efficiency and comfort – not 2003 levels. Colorado's old and outdated state minimum energy code (the 2003 IECC) needs to be updated to keep pace with new technologies, techniques, materials, and options for builders, raising both the quality and affordability of home ownership in the state.

Thank you for supporting this important bill.

Sincerely,

President, Mountain Top Builders, Inc.