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Open letter to the delegates of the 2011 UBCM Convention Re. Resolution B136—Importance of Mechanical Insulation

Dear delegate:

We recognize that council members in local governments are demonstrating leadership and commitment to address concerns about energy conservation and environmental responsibility. They're also helping to set higher and better standards. We applaud these efforts.

You will be asked to vote on Resolution B136, being put forth by the City of Burnaby. It requests that amendments to the BC Building Code include specific, up-to-date requirements for mechanical insulation and reference best practice standards.

Properly installed mechanical insulation can save millions of dollars and eliminate thousands of tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year. It can be demonstrated that the operating cost savings can fully amortize any additional costs for proper installation in as little as a few months.

Poorly installed or lack of insulation leads to waste of energy, increasing greenhouse gases and unnecessarily higher costs to building owners and end users.

The BC Insulator Contractors Association is increasingly concerned about the trend in the construction industry to try to achieve cost savings by minimizing or even eliminating mechanical insulation in all or part of construction projects.

For these reasons we support Resolution B136.

In addition, our association is establishing a Quality Assurance Certification Program for mechanical insulation installations. At its core, is the provision of well-trained, certified and regulated independent inspectors who will ensure that the insulation is properly installed with approved materials and techniques and according to enhanced specifications. Our certification program will give owners and purchasers of construction the knowledge that the work that they paid for has been performed to industry standards using properly tested materials.

The resolution and our Quality Assurance Certification Program complement each other.

We urge you to support the resolution. If it is adopted, municipalities all across B.C. will reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and save thousands of taxpayer dollars that go to operating costs.

Our best wishes for a successful and productive convention.

Regards,

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