

Why Do Home Builders Want You to Waste Money?

...and suffer rising energy bills for decades?

In an eleventh-hour surrender to the Home Builders Association and power companies in September, the NC Building Code Council derailed a planned 30% upgrade in energy efficiency requirements for new homes.

The Council's capitulation could waste millions in federal energy efficiency dollars intended to help implement these low-cost, common sense measures.

Appalachian State building specialists and green builders insist the 30% upgrade would bring immediate cash savings and greater comfort to homeowners.

Simple measures — better insulation, windows, lighting, duct sealing — don't require expensive technology or redesign. These upgrades would create jobs for North Carolina manufacturers and installers.

The HBA's waste-energy plan would promote construction of high-risk, multi-billion dollar nuclear plants and send customers' rates soaring years before plants are completed.

The 30% efficiency upgrade is central to North Carolina's shift to a clean energy economy.

Energy efficiency is the fastest, surest way to make urgently needed reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.

"The proposed changes would more than pay for themselves, putting money in the pockets of homeowners, making their homes more valuable yet cheaper to heat and cool, and reducing the demand for energy."

– Jack Betts, *The Charlotte Observer*

TAKE ACTION!

Don't let the Home Builders Association stick homeowners with soaring energy costs and more dangerous power plants.

1. Make a quick call or email to Governor Perdue. Urge her to replace Council members who cater to the HBA with those who represent the public interest. Contact Governor Bev Perdue at (800) 662-7952 or governor.office@nc.gov.
2. Urge NC Building Code Council Chair Dan Tingen to pass the 30% energy efficiency upgrade: dan@tingen.com.