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Home Builders Association of Michigan Supports Gov. Snyder's Proposal to Strengthen Energy Efficiency Program

(Lansing, MI) – The Home Builders Association of Michigan (HBA Michigan) announced that it has pledged its full cooperation to Governor Snyder's proposals to strengthen energy efficiency programs for Michigan homeowners. Governor Snyder has urged private financial institutions to increase the \$68 million available for efficiency improvements in buildings. The Governor also called on the legislature to adopt a measure that would add energy efficiency information to home inspection reports.

"The Home Builders Association of Michigan strongly supports Governor Snyder on his energy efficiency initiatives," said Lee Schwartz, executive vice president for government relations for HBA Michigan. "We know from our long history of advocating for energy efficiency initiatives that consumers will make the choice they feel is right for them if they are armed with the right information. We support the measure to make that information available."

In 1999, HBA Michigan supported and helped lead efforts to adopt into law a provision in the Single State Construction Code Act calling for development of a consumer information system relating to energy efficiencies.

One of the potential benefits of the Governor's proposal to add energy information to home inspection reports would be an increased consumer awareness of the potential for energy savings in older homes.

"Energy efficiency is very much top of mind for today's consumers considering new construction," said Schwartz. "However it is important to note that the biggest bang for the energy efficiency buck is in retrofitting pre-1972 homes."

The Home Builders Association of Michigan is a professional trade association comprised of 27 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor and supplier members. HBA of Michigan works to positively promote the building industry and impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues affecting housing affordability.

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