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To: Commissioner Andrew McAllister

RE: Docket No: 12-EBP-1
Subject: Comprehensive Energy Efficiency Program for Existing Buildings (AB 758)
Draft Action Plan Staff Workshop

The following comments are submitted on behalf of the International Window Film Association ("IWFA") which represents the manufacturers of more than 2/3 of all window film sold in California. Our members manufacture window film that reduces the solar heat gain coefficient of windows for both residential and non-residential buildings. These products are NFRC-certified and an extremely cost-effective means of energy reduction in existing buildings.

IWFA fully supports the efforts of the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) to maximize the energy efficiency of buildings. The AB 758 Draft Action Plan outlines a series of strategies to achieve a comprehensive market transformation of California's existing building stock. IWFA strongly encourages the CEC and the CPUC to include in the AB 758 Draft Action Plan updating and streamlining of the California Home Energy Rating System Program (HERS II).

The current CEC HERS II approved process and software need updating and simplifying. The energy efficiency features considered in the "loading order" should include all available, cost-effective residential energy solutions, including window film. In California where 55% of residential housing was constructed prior to energy code, window film is one of the most cost-effective energy features a homeowner can add to reduce cooling load.

AB 32 Climate Change Scoping Plan and the *CPUC's Long Term Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan* call for reducing energy consumption in existing residential buildings by 40% by 2020. Updating and simplifying the HERS II process would add another tool to help achieve this ambitious goal for residential buildings.

Sincerely,

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