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Via email only

Mr. Drew Smith and Commissioner David John, Chairs
And Members
Energy Technical Advisory Committee & Mechanical Technical Advisory Committee
Florida Building Commission
2601 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee FL 32399

Re: Request for Declaratory Statement DS-2021-023 re Florida Energy Conservations Code,
Building Thermal Envelope.

Dear Chairman Smith, Commissioner John, and Committee Members:

I write today to express the support for the Florida Building Commission's Staff analysis and response to above-referenced Declaratory Statement DS-2021-023. It comes before you for consideration on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

In reading the Commission Staff analysis in response to this Declaratory Statement, BASF supports their position regarding the question of ventilation, including operable windows as one of two options. Over the years, South Florida has seen the development and construction of probably more than 100,000 apartments, based on the use of operable windows, patio doors, etc., for natural ventilation, without any significant issue. To date, there has not been a rise in "sick buildings", or mold growth. Thus, it seems that the current Building Code more than adequately addresses this issue. There does not seem to be a problem to be solved here.

Please contact me if there are questions or if the Advisory Committees need additional information. Thank you for the opportunity to present the Association's views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Truly Burton'.

(Ms.) Truly Burton
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