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TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE  
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CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE  
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H.B. 2521, H.D. 1

RELATING TO NET ZERO ENERGY CAPABLE CONSTRUCTION

Chair Herkes and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2521, H.D.1. As State Comptroller, I am an ex-officio member of the State Building Code Council and am currently its elected chair. The council supports alternate energy and energy conservation measures. However, because the council did not have enough time to take a vote and approve testimony on this bill, it has asked me as chair to request that before the bill is enrolled, the Council be given a chance to comment.

Of special interest is the requirement in H.B. 2521, H.D.1 that the "net zero energy capable design" structure be 35% more energy efficient than the International Code Council, International Energy Conservation Code 2006 edition. Because H.B. 2521, H.D.1 directs the State Building Code Council to adopt rules implementing a prescriptive alternative that is

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equivalent to the 35% efficiency gain, the Council feels it critical that it be allowed to suggest any amendments that are necessary to assure H.B. 2521, H.D.1 's effective implementation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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