



California Business Properties Association



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**To:** Chairman Robert Weisenmiller  
Commissioner Andrew McAllister  
Commission David Hochschild  
Commissioner Karen Douglas  
Commissioner Janea Scott

**Fr:** California Building Industry Association  
California Apartment Association  
International Council of Shopping Centers  
CA Manufacturers & Technology Association  
American Institute Of Architects, California Council  
American Council of Engineering Companies of California  
NAIOP of California, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association  
California Business Properties Association  
Building Owners and Managers of California  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
Rural County Representatives of California  
California Chamber of Commerce

**RE:** California Energy Commission Business Meeting - Agenda Items #5:  
REVISED EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

On behalf of the organizations cited above, we would like to extend our strong support for the adoption of Agenda Item #5. Adoption of this item would establish a revised effective date of July 1, 2014 for the 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards.

Over the past few months, the CEC, industry and local government have come to realize that several of the key compliance tools and data registries will not be fully functional by January 1, 2014 and, lacking a delay in the effective date, transition to the new standards will be extremely difficult for some and impossible for others. Allowing for an additional six months to identify and resolve issues with the performance compliance tools and to get the data registries up and running will significantly help smooth the transitional path to these important energy saving standards. Industry looks forward to working with the CEC on this effort in the coming months.

We would also like to extend our special thanks to CEC Staff members Dave Ashuckian and Eurlyne Geiszler for their efforts in getting the "Early Adopter" program off the ground over the past few months. Many companies have shown an interest in moving forward with the new standards ahead of the effective date even though some of the compliance tools will not be completely operational for a few more months.

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