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Dear Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my <u>opposition to Ordinance 240434</u>. The 2021 IECC Energy Code results in homes that have lower utility bills and healthier indoor air quality and should not be rolled back.

<u>Studies</u> have shown that the increased investment in energy efficiency results in a <u>14% annual return on investment</u>, making the energy efficient components of a new home a better investment than the home itself! It is about time that low to moderate income households are offered the opportunity to pay less utilities and enjoy a 14% annual return.

As a developer in Kansas City, I can attest that our company does not find the 2021 IECC a burden that would prevent our company from developing in Kansas City. If housing starts are down, it is most likely due to other factors like high interest rates.

Please don't roll back progress.

Thank you for your leadership, Jonathan

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