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To Neighborhood Planning & Development Committee & City Council members,

I have bought 2 previously owned houses in my lifetime & was happy to make both as energy efficient as possible, I made sure to do all I could to lower my utility bills. I obtained attic & blown in wall insulation, air sealing, caulking, weatherstripping, good storm doors, & got the most energy efficient heating & air conditioning systems, washing machines & dryers. In the 2nd house I got Renewal by Anderson windows & even the insulation I bought at the hardware stores to place behind where we plug anything into the walls, & under the light switches that are on walls. I checked utility bills for before & after for months & I think for a couple years after to be sure these things had paid off. Yes, they did pay off.

A nice benefit for me to save money on utility bills, plus a way to help the environment. If I ever buy a house in the future I would want it to be as energy efficient as possible whether it be a brand new house that hasn't been built yet, or a used house.

I think all new housing should have the Green Building codes. Families should be able to have as low utility bills as possible. Not all families can afford what I did to make my home as energy efficient as possible.

Sincerely,
Vicki Johnson