

May 31st, 2015

Hon. Ted McMeekin

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

17th Floor
777 Bay Street
Toronto, Ontario M5G 2E5

Re: Request for a Provincial inquiry into the Failure to Enforce the Ontario Building Code with respect to Small Diameter, High Velocity Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning Systems

Dear Sir,

I wish to provide my support for the request to have the Ontario Government undertake an inquiry into the reasons why so many Ontario home owners whose HVAC systems of a certain type and manufacture that have failed to meet minimum thermal comfort set out in the Ontario Building Code, have experienced very little responsiveness to their plights from the authorities responsible for consumer protection.

As a professional engineer with over 40 years of experience in residential construction and mechanical systems, I was requested to act as expert assessor for the Professional Engineers of Ontario regarding disciplinary proceedings against a number of engineers involved in approving the installations of the subject HVAC system and products. In this capacity, I reviewed considerable documentation that clearly pointed to a product that frequently fails to function as intended and a failure of authorities to adequately protect the public. Only the Provincial Government appears to be in a position to correct this situation of buck-passing between entities charged with addressing these kinds of injury to home owners and their families.

I have known Mr. Bowser, the author of the request for the inquiry, for nearly 40 years and he was one of the first employees of my Toronto firm. His expertise and integrity in the matters he is bringing before you, is unchallengeable. I urge you to consider the importance of undertaking this inquiry as I believe it could result in clarity of responsibilities, fairness to consumers, and avoidance of repeated, costly, and painful abuses to the people of Ontario.

Regards, Greg Allen, BAsC, P. Eng.

cc: Dara Bowser m.a.a.t.o., Bowser Technical Inc

Dr. Karen Somerville, Canadians for Better Built Homes