



October 29th, 2021

Honourable Richard Mostyn Minister Community Services Box 2703 Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

Dear Minister Mostyn,

I am writing to you in support of the Better Buildings Program.

With the Climate Crisis currently affecting Yukoner's day-today and future lives, we believe that everything that we can do to reduce our carbon footprint makes a huge difference. The making of efficient housing for Yukoners really makes a difference. We have seen the changes in our weather systems around the world and the federal government continues to talk about changes to support a green future.

Whitehorse and Yukon Communities rely on Diesel/LNG to produce power that both heats our homes and runs appliances. Some communities only have diesel for electricity. I believe this program would go along with the current energy rebates on electric vehicles and appliances.

I believe that with the cost of housing in the Yukon, this will help lower income and new homebuyers be able to afford the purchase a home and be able to do repairs to make their housing more energy efficient.

We have seen that old furnaces can be as low as 50 precent efficient, combine this with energy star windows, proper insulation and vapor barrier can save Yukoner's thousands. With the housing costs new home buyers have been forced into purchasing older homes. With the current interest of .25% makes this affordable.

This Program would also ensure that Yukon construction workers continue to remain working and entice young workers to look at construction as careers options

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