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Re: Support for SB 1023 Legislation Amending the Act of November 10, 1999 (P.L. 491, No. 45)

September 24, 2013

Dear Chairman Gordner and Chairwoman Tartaglione:

Lutron Electronics Co., Inc. supports the SB 1023 *Legislation Amending the Act of November 10, 1999 (P.L. 491, No. 45)*, known as the *Pennsylvania Construction Code Act* for the following reasons:

1. The "opt-in" model in SB1023 would allow new code provisions to go into effect unless specifically excluded by the Review & Advisory Council (RAC). This would promote a more streamlined, timely, transparent, and predictable code review and adoption process for all stakeholders involved, and allow the RAC to focus only on controversial code provisions.
2. Maintaining a three-year review and adoption period that coincides with the national model code publishing cycle is the best way to ensure improved energy efficiency and safety for all occupants in the built environment.
3. Pennsylvania businesses and consumers can save significant money on their energy bills through state adoption of the most current building energy codes (IECC or ASHRAE 90.1). This translates into more capital available to invest directly into the economy, hiring more employees, and expanding business operations. Thus, maintaining current adoption of the latest energy code is a win for consumers, a win for business, and a win for the state economy.

Lutron is one of the largest employers in the Lehigh Valley. Founded in 1961, Lutron is headquartered in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania. From dimmers for the home, to lighting management systems for entire buildings, the company offers more than 17,000 energy-saving products, sold in more than 100 countries around the world. In the US alone, Lutron products save an estimated 10 billion kWh of electricity, or approximately \$1 billion in utility costs per year. The company's early inventions— including the first solid-state dimmer invented by Lutron's founder, Joel Spira—are now at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,



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