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AHPBC: OHIO SENATE ADVANCES RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE STATE'S GREEN BUILDING POLICY

WASHINGTON (Feb. 26, 2014) – *The American High-Performance Buildings Coalition (AHPBC), an organization of leading associations representing a wide range of interests in the building and construction industry, today praised passage of Resolution (SCR) 25 by the Ohio State Senate.*

The AHPBC issued the following statement:

“We applaud the Ohio State Senate for their passage of SCR 25. Today’s vote represents an important step in the effort to ensure that Ohio’s green building ratings systems, codes and standards are smart, balanced and fair and that they are consistent with state energy efficiency and environmental performance standards,” said Craig Morrison, AHPBC member and Chairman, CEO and President of Columbus-based Momentive Performance Materials Holdings LLC.

“The Senate Resolution discourages the use of the latest version of US Green Building Council’s LEED building rating system, LEED v4, until the state determines that the criteria used to support the selection of building products, materials, brands, and technologies do not unfairly discriminate against Ohio products and materials. Passage by the Legislature will encourage Ohio’s leaders from across the state to instead rely on effective green building systems that do not come at the expense of wasted tax dollars or jeopardize economic growth and Ohio jobs.

“Given Ohio’s long history as a leader in manufacturing, as well as growth of the state’s building and construction sector that now employs 181,000 Ohioans, we are encouraged that the Senate has recognized the importance of policies that achieve both green building and economic goals. We urge the Ohio House to advance the resolution without delay.”

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The American High Performance Buildings Coalition (AHPBC) represents and speaks for proponents of performance-based green building systems. AHPBC membership includes more than 40 organizations and sweeps across a broad range of green building materials, products, and technologies. The coalition’s mission is to support and promote green building codes, standards, rating systems and credits that are transparent, data-driven, supported by science, and performance-based. See more at: <http://www.betterbuildingstandards.com/>