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California Building Standards Commission,  
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130  
Sacramento, California 95833  
Attention: Dave Walls, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Walls,

We are writing to you from the Ecology Center in Berkeley, CA. The Ecology Center's EcoHouse designed and installed the first permitted greywater/ wetlands system in Berkeley, and the first permitted system of its type in the state of California. As sustainability advocates we are very excited about the new greywater code for the state of California. The no-permit requirement for washing machine and single fixture systems is a very important aspect of the code and enables us to promote water saving systems that are more achievable for our constituents. This change will make simple greywater systems more economical and straight-forward for Californians seeking to conserve water.

We support the 12 requirements for the no-permit systems which will protect environmental and public health, while supporting greywater reuse. Please keep that part of the code intact and continue in this direction of removing the barriers of permits and fees for simple sustainable practices.

On behalf of the Ecology Center and EcoHouse,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beck Cowles".

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