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Dear Mr. Walls,

My name is Roy Nordblom III and I am a “green” general contractor in San Jose. I heartily approve of the recent changes to the UPC regarding wastewater reuse in simple single fixture drain-dry systems. Thank you for your help in making this happen. I am thrilled that my State is leading the way to sustainability. Your important step is a big help toward driving California to be the Sustainability State and a world leader once again.

Thank you.

In particular I think the no-permit requirement for washing machine and single fixture systems is a critical aspect of the code, and will make simple grey-water systems economical. This is a great opportunity for an appropriate technology accessible on a mass scale to make a real difference.

Thank you,

I suppose some may be against simple, economical and safe household wastewater irrigation systems, though I cannot imagine why. I see it as an integral part of “greening” America back to prosperity. Lots of plumbers will be installing lots of diverter valves, landscapers will be building many mulch basins and raingardens, workers will be tearing open walls and installing new piping, and greenbuilders like me will be happy to put it all together. A new industry is invented.

We will match the family's wastewater disposal needs with their landscaping irrigation needs, so they may live in harmony with the earth around their home. How can you be against that?

Thank you for making this possible.

By the way, my City, San Jose, has just informed me that they will not follow the new Plumbing Code, and will not permit any greywater systems here. The person I spoke with from Development sounded rather hostile to the entire idea of greywater. Do you guys have any influence with our building inspectors here in San Jose? Our City is actually rather advanced in terms of sustainability, so this is surprising to me.

Anyways, YOU guys rock, thanks again.

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