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Mr. John "JG" Guy
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Dear Mr. Guy:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Mark R. Warner regarding the VOBB concrete block products. The Governor has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Our staff reviewed the VOBB web site that you referred to for the technical information on the blocks. As a government agency, we cannot endorse a specific manufacturer's product. As long as the product meets the requirements and standards of the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), the use of that product would be permitted in Virginia. The USBC has adopted the model codes from the International Code Council as the technical provisions for products to be used in Virginia. If the VOBB concrete blocks comply with the ICC code requirements, the use of the blocks should be allowed in Virginia buildings.

We will make the information you provided to us on the VOBB products available to the local building code enforcement personnel as well as to members of the design and construction community in Virginia. You may wish to contact the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association at their website, www.vbcoa.org, to provide them information on your products. You may be able to make arrangements with them to demonstrate your products at one of their meetings for greater recognition and acceptance.

Should you have any questions about the USBC, you may contact Norman Crumpton at ncrumpton@dhcd.state.va.us or by telephone at (804) 371-7160.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Shelton".

Bill Shelton

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cc: The Honorable Michael J. Schewel
Secretary of Commerce and Trade

