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We are glad to see a section on Green Buildings in the Draft Scoping Plan, but we would like CARB to use the Proposed Scoping Plan as an opportunity to encourage the Building Standards Commission to develop a more stringent state Green Building Standards Code. The Draft Scoping Plan states that “[f]or all buildings, the State is developing a mandatory Green Building Standards Code that will institute minimum environmental performance standards for all buildings in 2010.” (p.23) The state effort to create and enforce a mandatory state-wide minimum green building code is laudable and timely. If set at the right level, this code has the potential to help the buildings sector contribute its share to reducing statewide GHG emissions. CARB should urge the Building Standards Commission to make the minimum environmental performance standard required by 2010 by the Green Building Code equivalent to or above LEED Silver certification.