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Mr. David P. Goch
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Dear Mr. Goch:

Thank you for your letter of February 17, 2005, requesting a HUD statement encouraging the use of laminate flooring by local officials and builders.

The Department cannot endorse or encourage particular building products or building systems. HUD, however, does work to remove barriers that impede the widest variety of choices offered to builders and housing consumers. The rapid growth in the use of laminate flooring over the past ten years would appear to be evidence of full acceptance and satisfaction of your industry's product by the American homebuilding industry. You are to be congratulated on your success.

I hope the information provided is helpful. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis C. Shea".

Dennis C. Shea