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Katrin Klingenberg,

We would like to share with you our unpleasant experience with one of your certified members: Brandon Weiss of Evolutionary Home Builders.

In 2014 my wife and I wanted to do the right thing by building a new home that was ecologically responsible. My wife is a school teacher and I am a stay at home dad for our daughter, who was three at the time. With our limited savings we understood the budget numbers would be tight, but we nevertheless took the plunge and pursued a green build with Brandon.

Unfortunately, after a prolonged design phase (lasting over a year), and without any warning, Brandon and his team presented a build budget wildly different from that initially proposed in our Design-Build Professional Services Agreement (we gave Brandon \$30,000 in September, 2014 for the PSA, but we only received a build budget at the end of November, 2015).

Not surprisingly, we were unable to proceed with our project. Brandon has subsequently refused to offer even a partial refund. After a year and a half, and spending \$30,000, we have very little to show for it.

As outlined in the enclosed documents, we believe Brandon has established a pattern of unethical behavior. We hope that as the head of an important green building institution you would want to know the impact your member's actions have had on our family and our now depleted life savings --- not to mention the experiences of his former clients.

If after reading the enclosed documents you would like to follow up with us, we would definitely appreciate the opportunity to sit down with you to discuss the details involved, and answer any questions you may have. At your request, we can supply a copy of all the emails we exchanged with Brandon (roughly June, 2014 to December, 2015), and the construction drawings, if you feel this will give you a more complete picture of what has transpired.

In fact, we would welcome any suggestions regarding how we could have done things differently with Brandon and his team, or, for that matter, how we should approach things moving forward with a new architect and builder as we continue to pursue our dream of building an "eco-friendly" home for our family.

Understandably, we feel compelled to share our experience with anyone who will listen in order to ensure that no one else ends up with a similar outcome.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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