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Dear National Association of Moisture Management Professionals,

I would like to welcome all of you to California and to this very important symposium. I am sorry that my schedule does not permit me to be with you today.

Recently, I gave a speech at a Council on Foreign Relations Board Meeting about my commitment to the environment. In my address, I noted that the environmental movement is at a critical tipping point. Most people are beginning to understand that we can change the direction we're headed with our natural resources, *without* ruining our economy or our quality of life. Environmental reforms can be seen as a positive force of change, instead of unrealistic and scolding restrictions on people's lives. Most of my points at the meeting were directed toward global warming and emissions, but my passion for the environment extends to many of the indoor environmental issues you're focusing on at your symposium.

There is much negative press about how we build our homes, offices and other buildings and the associated indoor health issues. We hear more and more about how our indoor environments are creating health problems. However, just as we need to fully understand the many issues we face with greenhouse gas emissions, we must also work to explore the full extent of the indoor environmental issues we face and develop sensible solutions. To that end, the National Association of Moisture Management Professionals (NAMMP), and all the industries represented here today, are taking positive steps in the right direction.

The NAMMP's work to arm our citizens with the knowledge to maintain their own properties and prevent moisture and mold issues helps to address this issue at the fundamental level. In addition, I understand that your efforts to ask builders and developers to use an annual inspection process to prevent indoor environmental problems will help stem many health claims. Ensuring that inspectors and moisture professionals are properly trained and monitored will improve consistency in the profession and access for consumers. Finally, using innovative funding approaches for annual evaluations will ensure that the responsibility is balanced and that financial impacts to the consumer and local, state and federal governments are minimized.

Please accept my best wishes for what I know will be a productive symposium, and thank you for your continued efforts to find new solutions in this important field.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arnold Schwarzenegger".

Arnold Schwarzenegger

