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Mr. Stuart Tom, Chairman
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RE: ICC BOD Candidate Endorsement – Jack Applegate

Dear Chairman Tom:

On behalf of the Oregon Permit Technicians Association (OPTA), I am writing to express our enthusiastic support for Jack Applegate's re-election to the ICC Board of Directors as an At-Large Director during the 2025 Annual Business Meeting.

Jack has demonstrated unwavering dedication and exceptional leadership throughout his three years of service on the ICC Board. His expanded role this year as the liaison for the Indigenous Peoples Chapter of ICC highlights his commitment to inclusivity and cultural awareness within our organization. Jack's efforts have significantly advanced our mission and served our diverse membership.

With a remarkable 35-year career in the construction industry, Jack has built a solid foundation of leadership and service. Over the past 13 years, he has diligently prepared for and fulfilled the responsibilities of a board member. His extensive involvement includes serving on numerous ICC committees, councils, state advisory boards, and as a two-time President of ICC Region II. As the liaison for the Indigenous Peoples Chapter, Jack has championed initiatives to promote inclusivity, cultural awareness, and opportunities for Indigenous members to become certified code officials, adopt codes, and share ideas. His tenure as President of ICC Region II was marked by innovation and fiscal responsibility, earning Region II two ICC Spotlight Awards as the nation's top regional chapter.

Jack's leadership in developing the Safety 2.R Regional program has created pathways for veterans, board shadows, and emerging leaders. Through the Military Families program, he has personally mentored over a dozen veterans, helping them launch careers as code officials.

Jack's robust business experience, management expertise, and commitment to volunteer service are evident in his roles as a Building Official, President, and CEO. His contributions to ICC's code development, including two terms on the ICC Building Codes Action Committee and various certification exam development committees, have been invaluable. Jack has also championed outreach through tribal building code, housing, and building safety summits, job fairs, women's career events, veterans' programs, and speaking engagements at high schools and colleges to promote ICC's technical training programs.

We believe Jack's experience, integrity, and passion make him an outstanding candidate for re-election as an At-Large Director. We wholeheartedly support his candidacy and ask for your vote to continue his invaluable service to the ICC.

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Respectfully,

Serena Locke, OPTA President

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