

To ICC Board of Directors:

It has come to my attention that the International Code Council has proposed removing governmental voting from the codes approval process.

I would like to testify at the hearing on January 19th to the effect that I would urge against that change.

I participated in the Governmental Voting on the code for IECC 2021 in November 2019 along with three colleagues on Andover Green Advisory Board.

We are appointed by publicly elected officials. We voted at a posted public open meeting on the proposed amendments. We discussed technical merits, having read and viewed various presentations from the code review process via the ICC portal. We did due diligence and reviewed proposals accordingly.

I think we made a valuable contribution to the code approvals process. As an architect, I am in the codes daily. My fellow board members are not, but have a strong interest in building science, and did an incredible job learning up on the various proposal amendments.

I think there is a place for municipalities to participate in the code process in concert with tradespeople, and I urge you to not remove or change the role of the governmental voting members.

Sincerely,

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Andover Green Advisory Board, Chair