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Mr. Bryant,

It is an honor to express my support of Benjamin R.K. Breadmore as he seeks election to the International Code Council's Board of Directors. I believe that Mr. Breadmore will be a fantastic addition to the board and am very confident that he would serve his community, state, and region well if elected. My work and experiences with Mr. Breadmore over the past few years on the boards of both the Maine Building Officials and Inspectors Association (MBOIA) as well as the Northern Maine Chapter of MBOIA have helped me form that belief.

A review of Mr. Breadmore's resume reveals many roles and experiences that would suit him well while serving on the ICC Board: experiences on the MBOIA board; New England Building Official's Education Association board; Eastern States Building Officials Federation board; Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code board as appointed by Governor Mills; and past Chair of the ICC Emerging Leaders Membership Council all jump off the pages of his resume as completely applicable and relevant experience.

However, to me there are two other gems with even more value hidden in Mr. Breadmore's resume. The first is the trajectory of his career: from permit technician to field inspector to building official and on to town manager. My former career was in the US Merchant Marine where one who rose through the ranks this way was said to have "come up through the hawsepipe." It is hard to completely and properly express the insight, knowledge, and value gained by rising through the ranks in such a manner, yet very easy to recognize, respect and admire. Mr. Breadmore's rise through the hawsepipe of the code world has served him well and I have every reason to believe will continue to do so.

The next hidden gem would be Mr. Breadmore's knowledge in the ways of recruitment and retention of the next generation of Code Officials. That knowledge, combined with the desire to bring younger Code Officials onboard is absolutely crucial to the continued existence of our profession. I look around rooms full of Code Officials at various trainings and realize two things: those present, myself included, are not getting any younger and an infusion of youth is absolutely needed.

In summary, for all of the reasons listed above, I believe that Mr. Breadmore would not only add value to the ICC Board of Directors, but would do so while serving his region well.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wallace