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Cc: Dominic Sims <DSims@iccsafe.org>
Subject: ICC voting process

Dear ICC Board of Directors and Mr. Sims:

I am writing today on behalf of the City of Pittsfield, MA to request that the the final determination of International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) provisions remain in the hands of local officials and we urge the ICC Board of Directors to reject the proposed framework for switching the IECC to the ICC standards process.

The City participated in the 2019 OGCV process and voted on the IECC due to its importance to our community. A strong IECC with a thorough development review process dependent on local officials helps to ensure that strong progress can continue to be made toward these commitments in Pittsfield and the state. As local governmental stakeholders, governmental members like those from our community are well positioned to speak to the feasibility and usefulness of code proposals, and should continue to have a direct role as the final decision makers on the content of the IECC. The IECC is of particular importance to us because it produces more energy-efficient buildings while also positively benefiting vulnerable residents, public health outcomes, building operational costs, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, resilience, and safety. We strongly urge you to uphold the current role of local governmental stakeholders in IECC final voting. We strongly urge you to reject any attempt to replace this with an ICC standards process or to otherwise weaken the input of governmental members.

Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Best,

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