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Dear Mr. Pfeiffer,

By now, you may have received communication from the National Association of Energy Officials (NASEO) and from my counterparts in other states regarding the IECC codes development voting process. Please note that the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) strongly opposes any procedural measures that would exclude state and other public stakeholders from participating in IECC codes promulgation.

Restricting the process to a narrower range of professionals limits the ability of state and local governments to send delegates, knowledgeable in a wide variety of aspects of building technologies and science, to participate in the process. The benefits of a diverse range of viewpoints to the code development process is several fold. These state and local representatives ensure alignment of the codes development process with other public interests, such as health, safety, and economic development. The ability for a state or local government to apportion its votes to leverage the diversity of experience of its agencies is essential to maintaining a robust, accountable, effective and inclusive code development process.

The Maryland Energy Administration supports the NASEO position calling for the ongoing participation of state energy officials in the development of building energy codes. You may expect our competent and enthusiastic contribution to building codes development that support the safety, resilience, and energy efficiency of buildings in the United States.

Respectfully,

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