

Dear Board of Directors,

I am concerned about the change to an energy standard. Energy is an integral part of the whole building design and construction and needs to develop in sync with the other I-Codes. The continuous maintenance aspect of a standard separates it and, I believe, makes it more difficult to implement in practice. Technology, across the board, is moving rapidly and the time between the code changes is important to evaluate what, in reality, works and what does not. Field/practical input from all stakeholders, not just the energy-focused ones, is vital. Time is an ally for real progress!

Please keep the IECC and Chapter 11 of the IRC as they currently are ... I-Codes developed according to the current Governmental Consensus Process.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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