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Mr. Wheeler

As a small custom home builder with almost 30 years in the industry, I wanted to share my thoughts on revisions to how the codes are adopted by the ICC.

I understand there is consideration to create new standards for the committee oversight of code development. I would request that ICC move to an ANSI based code writing process.

I was shocked to hear how voting appears to be based upon who signs up and get the most vote for code adoptions and not sold data evaluation from building professionals. As builders we receive constant code updates which create an assortment of issues, costs and challenges to our homeowners and the affordability of their housing.

In some cases owner life safety and property damage threats are created by adoptions of codes which are pushed through the system without input from the building community. Specifically the most recent electrical code update.

I would strongly encourage the adoption of balanced committees with solid builder representation from both the production and custom building community to evaluate code updates in both building codes and energy codes.

Thank you for the ability to offer my thoughts.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

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