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Subject: IECC/Blue Ribbon Committee/Board of Directors

Gentlemen, I would like to comment regarding the subject topic. I am a homebuilder in the Kansas City metro area. I am the chairman of our local HBA Codes Task Force, serve on the Board of Directors of the KC HBA, and have served for many years as a director/delegate to NAHB. In 2015 I served as Chairman of NAHB Construction Codes and Standards Committee. Since 1998 I have served my community as a member of the Kansas City, Mo Building & Fire Code Board of Appeals, having been Chairman for two terms and currently vice chairman. I believe that I understand the importance of the ICC, its function and the importance of reasonable building codes. The experiences that happened with the adoption process of the 2021 IECC and the related impact on residential construction is NOT sustainable. The results of the online voting by members who have not attended Committee hearings or Public Comment hearings with little or no actual knowledge of the issue has severely damaged the reputation of the ICC and it's code adoption process. I am glad to hear that the leadership of ICC is addressing this matter, thank you. I have reviewed some of the information that your organization has recently provided and would like to comment:

IECC

This document, IECC, should be a stand alone reference standard, NOT a code

Regarding the IRC, the energy section or the residential portion of the IECC should appear as an Appendix. It should not be part of the actual code unless adopted by the local/state jurisdiction where it is enforced.

Consensus Committee

This group should primarily be made up of building officials who are the Building Official of the jurisdiction they represent. They need to be selected based on participation in code/standard development and a wide geographic mix. Organizations that have a stake in the adoption of codes and standards should be represented, but not such that any one group/interest could dominate the committee or its voting.

Regarding Line 3.5--this project team needs to be better explained and expanded to prevent one group/interest from dominating or controlling the team.

Regarding 9.4, Action--i believe that approval should require a 3/4 or 75% vote rather than 2/3 majority.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my views and interest in the future development of fair and impartial codes and standards. Please keep me informed of future meetings of both groups.

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