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Mr. Mike Pfeiffer, P.E.  
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International Code Council  
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Dear Mr. Pfeiffer,

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs - Energy Division serves as both the state energy office and the administering entity for Alabama's residential and commercial energy codes, along with the residential building code. Our staff works closely with the Alabama Energy and Residential Codes Board to ensure that the adopted codes are in the best public interest of the state. As an International Code Council (ICC) Governmental Member, we take an active role in the ICC code development process and encourage local jurisdictions to do the same. The Online Governmental Consensus Voting (OGCV) process has made that participation possible by allowing members to have a voice in the code adoption process that is neither burdensome nor cost prohibitive.

The current OGCV process was developed with the goal of greater participation in the code development process. The ICC evaluated the voting results prior to certification and concluded that the process worked as intended. Anything that dilutes this process or narrows the scope of participants will diminish future participation and undermine the ICC's position as a standard-setting entity.

Our votes are made with careful consideration of the impacts that the codes will have in our state. Withdrawing the voting results will diminish the support from stakeholders who actively participate in the code process. A reversal of the voting results would negate the time, effort, and investment made by our office and all other jurisdictions. We ask that the Appeals Committee deny the request to invalidate the voting results of the 2019 OGCV.

Sincerely,

  
Kenneth W. Boswell  
Director

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