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Subject: Comment on the proposal to change the development of the 2024 IECC

Greetings:

I am very concerned to hear about the proposed change in developing the 2024 IECC. A strong IECC with a thorough development review process dependent on local officials helps to ensure that strong progress can continue to be made toward environmental commitments in my city of Somerville and in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Local governmental stakeholders are best positioned to speak to the feasibility and usefulness of code proposals, and should continue to have a direct role as the final decision makers on the content of the IECC.

The IECC is of particular importance to us because it produces more energy-efficient buildings while also positively benefiting vulnerable residents, public health outcomes, building operational costs, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, resilience, and safety.

I realize that there are groups who oppose this system. I believe they feel that they can influence decisions better if these decisions are carried out by a small group of individuals. I am assuming those groups are concerned about their own profits and do not have the best interests of our communities and our planet in mind.

Therefore, I strongly urge you to reject any attempt to replace the current process or otherwise weaken the input of local governments throughout the country. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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