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William Bryant, Nominating Committee Chairman
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International Code Council, Birmingham District Office
900 Montclair Road
Birmingham, AL 35213

RE: Support for the Nomination of Jack Applegate, Director at Large

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Out here in Eastern Oregon, we serve a region of vast landscapes and strong-willed communities, where snow-capped mountains meet farmland, vineyards, National Forests, and open rangeland. Although Oregon has had statewide building codes since the 1970s, many communities have long viewed government of any kind with deep skepticism. Convincing people that building codes are a pathway to safe and sustainable communities is no easy feat. As one of the newest ICC chapters began to take root, one person consistently stepped up to guide, support, and connect us: Jack Applegate.

When I think about Jack's impact on our association, I don't see his numerous professional accolades. I see someone who rolled up his sleeves and helped us build from the ground up. Other seasoned professionals offered polite encouragement from a distance, but Jack showed up. He walked us through the complexities of ICC chapter formation with steady guidance.

What sets Jack apart is that he understands both codes and people. He navigates the delicate work of partnering with Tribal Nations in our region, where respect and cultural sensitivity aren't just nice-to-haves. Through his leadership, Jack has demonstrated the ability to build bridges across sovereign boundaries while honoring the unique needs and perspectives of each community he serves.

That same authenticity shows up in his work with Veterans and military families. Jack recognizes that behind every permit application or code question is a person trying to build a life, a business, and a future. He brings a combination of institutional wisdom and grassroots heart.

Eastern Oregon is home to resilient communities—Tribal Nations, rural towns, and agricultural hubs that have weathered generations of change with strength and determination. Jack helped us build something that reflects the grit and spirit of this region. Imagine what he can continue to accomplish on the ICC Board as a Director at Large.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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