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RE: Upholding Progress on Building Energy Efficiency in the Forthcoming 2021 IECC

Members of the 2019 Group B Appeals Board, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Sims,

Shift Zero is an alliance of over 35 green building, energy efficiency, and climate action businesses, organizations, and certification programs, working together to promote the equitable adoption of zero carbon buildings at scale in Washington State. Our broad base of knowledge helps us collaboratively identify and advocate for policies that make buildings part of Washington’s climate solution. A strong energy code is a critical tool in this effort.

We are concerned about efforts to discount online votes and the credentialing process. We believe the IECC process was conducted with integrity and urge you to uphold the outcomes of this voting process.

In addition, we do not support attempts to remove electrification measures from the code. We know that to meet the climate goals of our state and our cities—and to reduce harmful impacts of climate change—electrification in new construction is one critical area that will support energy planning and conservation. Measures that help guide the building codes carefully toward electrification must be included.

We encourage you to uphold these voting results. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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