

Mike Pfeiffer

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To: Mike Pfeiffer; Greg Wheeler; Dominic Sims
Cc: 'Donna McKee'
Subject: 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)

Importance: High

Dear Mr. Pfeiffer, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Sims,

I am writing to voice my strong support for your original 2021 IECC votes to improve the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) by 10% and for the successful process of this development cycle. I am a retired Landscape Architect am very familiar with the many energy efficiency and climate benefits that will accrue from your original IECC 2021 code proposal. It will help the code catch-up to modern-day building technology and practices. It could reduce millions of tons of carbon from entering the atmosphere while reducing energy bills for tenants, homeowners, and business owners. The 2021 IECC is flexible and includes optional appendices that can be adopted by state or local jurisdictions that want to achieve zero energy buildings sooner. For cities and states with energy and climate plans, like Pennsylvania, adopting this code is a critical step toward achieving our goals.

The three challenges are spurious and either do not support the intent or goals of the IECC to address real market needs (i.e., market-ready technologies people use today), or do not comport with the rules of the code development process. There is no basis for the challenge to on-line voting. Also, it should not be surprising that more people participated in voting for the energy code this time around. An increasing number of cities and states are setting climate goals, and with building energy use accounting for 39% of total U.S. energy consumption in 2019, building energy codes have become a critical part of any climate or sustainability plan. Government employees engaged on climate action often include those responsible for: protecting their citizens from the costly and devastating impacts of climate change; the viability of businesses in their local economies; and housing affordability. As such, it is very appropriate and, indeed important, for them to participate in the development and voting process.

The energy code is unique compared to other health and safety codes because regulating energy use in buildings is a critical tool for achieving state and local climate goals. Codifying these approaches allows for consistency across the country. In fact, the 2021 IECC update is poised to deliver the biggest reductions in climate emissions from buildings and housing seen in the last decade in building codes. Therefore, I ask you to stand firm and strongly support your original 2021 IECC votes and the successful process of this development cycle.

Thank you for all of your efforts to date on these important improvement to the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

Sincerely,

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