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State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT DIVISION

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

The Louisiana State Energy Office is writing to ask the International Code Council (ICC) to uphold the vote on the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). In Louisiana, we took advantage of the opportunity to vote online for the codes and also the results that the ICC Board of Directors certified this spring. The online vote levels the playing field and allows equal access to government staff across the country who may not have the time or budget to attend the in-person hearings.

The Louisiana State Energy Office, part of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, is a steward of the state natural energy resources, energy efficiency efforts, and maximize Louisiana's energy potential by exploring all energy sources and by reducing current energy consumption through education, energy-use studies, and demonstrations of energy-efficient technologies. As a member of the ICC, the Louisiana State Energy Office fully embraces ICC's mission to provide the highest quality codes, standards, products and services for all concerned with the safety and performance of the built environment. We also provide technical assistance and training to communities about building codes and best practices.

Progressive energy codes would complement Governor John Bel Edwards' recent climate initiative task force exploring the path to becoming a net-zero greenhouse gas producer by 2050. We at the Louisiana State Energy Office actively support the efforts of the ICC to develop and promote the adoption of the codes that encourage technologies that enhance the efficiency of commercial and residential building throughout the State and the country. With the adherence to codes that promote more efficiency and resiliency, it lessens the overall negative impacts that older buildings currently have implemented, looking more towards the future.

The Louisiana State Energy Office appreciates the ICC's continued efforts to advance the building code development process which benefits the people of Louisiana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. O'Brien", written over a horizontal line.

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