



**COLORADO**  
Governor Jared Polis

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Sent via email to: 2019 Group B Appeals Board, c/o Mike Pfeiffer, Senior Vice President of Technical Services, at [mpfeiffer@iccsafe.org](mailto:mpfeiffer@iccsafe.org)

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

I'm writing to ask the International Code Council (ICC) to uphold the vote on the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). In Colorado, we not only celebrated the opportunity to vote online for the codes but 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 resources to attend the week-long in-person hearings.

Colorado is taking bold action to address the impacts of climate change. We set goals to reduce greenhouse gas pollution by 50% by 2030 and achieve 100% renewable energy by 2040. Our largest utilities have made commitments to close coal-fired power plants and lower carbon emissions 80% by 2030. Improving energy efficiency and electrifying transportation and buildings as the grid decarbonizes will be key to helping Colorado meet our climate goals.

More than 40 municipalities around the country—including several in Colorado—have EV infrastructure requirements in their building codes. It's time to modernize the 2021 IECC model code and require EV charging infrastructure in new construction. These provisions will be crucial to preparing buildings to charge the 940,000 electric vehicles that Colorado plans to have on the roads by 2030.

As a home rule state, Colorado's local communities have significant authority over building codes. However, legislation enacted in 2019 requires local codes to be at least as strong as one of the three most recent versions of the IECC. The Colorado Energy Office supports jurisdictions adopting new building energy codes by providing no-cost training, tools, and technical assistance. As communities face severe fiscal constraints and uncertainty over the next few years, strong building energy codes can bolster economic recovery through technology innovation, the creation of clean energy jobs and the construction of energy-efficient buildings.

I appreciate the ICC's thorough code development process which empowers stakeholders to provide expertise and input. I encourage the ICC to stand by the votes of its governmental members.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis  
Governor