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

I would like to reiterate King County’s support for the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code voting results announced in December 2019. King County supports strong efficiency standards that provide energy savings and carbon reductions through reasonable and practical measures.

Confronting climate change and accelerating the transition to a clean energy economy are top priorities for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C), a coalition of local governments - King County, 16 cities and the Port of Seattle - working to advance a shared goal of reducing carbon emissions 80% by 2050. The jurisdictions in the K4C represent nearly 1.6 million residents, or 80%, of King County’s total population. In the fall of 2019, our jurisdictions engaged in learning about the national model energy code and voting process, and cast votes to support our climate goals.

The built environment is one of the largest sources of carbon emissions in King County. In a 2017 inventory, emissions from the commercial built environment were 22% of all emissions. Strong energy codes are essential to reaching the K4C’s carbon emission reduction target and continuing our path forward on our goal to reduce energy use in the built environment 70% from 2006 levels by 2031.

I would like to emphasize King County’s support for the 2021 IECC voting results which will provide long term benefits of clean indoor air quality and cost savings to building owners and occupants through deep efficiency. I urge you to uphold the outcomes of the vote on the 2021 model International Energy Conservation Code.

Sincerely,

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