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To the International Code Council Board of Directors:

The South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) represents 45 member municipalities within the Chicago region. On behalf of the municipalities we serve, I am writing to state that we **oppose ICC Board's recent proposal to replace our national model energy code with a new ICC energy standard.**

- The SSMMA urges the ICC to continue the current process in developing the IECC code, which allows local government officials to vote on updates. Our local government officials are knowledgeable on how the code is administered, so it is crucial that they are involved in the decision-making process. Code officials vote with the public's interest in mind, rather than financial interests.
- We have concerns about considering a shortened process that disenfranchises the voices of thousands of ICC governmental members, when the process as it stands has clearly been successful at developing a strong and relevant final code.
- If this moves forward, government officials will have little control over the substance of the energy code, to the detriment of the cities and states that rely on the IECC as a crucial policy tool. Buildings are responsible for more than two-thirds of carbon emissions in the Chicago region and we need robust energy conservation codes to achieve a zero-carbon economy by 2050. Governmental officials understand that and have used their votes in favor of efficiency, innovation, and a better future for all. The ICC Board must not silence their voices.

On behalf of the 45 south suburban Chicago communities and the nearly 750,000 residents they represent, the SSMMA strongly urges the ICC Board to protect the integrity of the ICC code development process and ensure the full participation of the ICC's governmental members in the development of our national model energy code. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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