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Dear Mr. Spencer and Members of the ICC Nominating Committee,

On behalf of the Washington State Association of Permit Technicians (WSAPT), it is both a profound honor and a heartfelt privilege to offer our strongest possible support for Mr. Steven L. McDaniel in his candidacy for President of the International Code Council.

Steven's life's work is a testament to what dedication, humility, and unwavering service to public safety truly look like. For nearly three decades, Steve has served the City of Corning, New York, with an uncommon blend of steadfast professionalism and genuine compassion. He has led his department through evolving challenges, technological modernization, and the rising demands placed on building safety officials, always with integrity, clarity, and an unwavering commitment to the community he serves.

His leadership in Corning is not simply administrative; it is deeply personal. Steven has shaped local policy with a thoughtful balance of development needs and public safety, strengthened code compliance practices, advanced disaster preparedness and resilience standards, and fostered a culture of collaboration between municipal leaders, developers, and residents. His efforts have transformed Corning into one of the highest-rated building departments in New York State, achieving an ISO Class 2 status, a remarkable achievement and a reflection of both excellence and vision.

Beyond his city, Steve has long served the wider building safety community with distinction. His past leadership within the New York State Building Officials Association and his many roles on state and national committees reflect the trust placed in him by colleagues across the profession. His service on ICC and ICBO committees; his leadership in existing-building and code-development initiatives; and the recognition his contributions have earned all speak to how deeply his expertise has shaped building safety nationwide.

Even more telling is Steven's passion for advocacy. As a founder and current secretary of the International Residential Code Fire Sprinkler Coalition, an organization honored nationally for its life-safety contributions, Steve has championed public safety measures that directly save lives. His long and impactful work promoting fire-sprinkler adoption reveals not only technical knowledge, but a genuine desire to protect families, responders, and communities.

Steven's professional versatility, Building Official, consultant, contractor, instructor, and mentor, makes him uniquely qualified to understand ICC's membership from every angle. His hands-on experience, paired with decades of examining, interpreting, and teaching codes, gives him a perspective that is both rare and deeply valuable. He understands the boots-on-the-ground realities of code officials, the strategic needs of jurisdictions, and the long-term vision required to lead an international organization.

What truly sets Steven apart, however, is who he is as a person. In every interaction, Steven brings empathy, patience, and authenticity. He listens wholeheartedly. He leads without ego. He uplifts those around him. And he never forgets that our work, every permit issued, every inspection, every code, every decision, is ultimately about safeguarding people. His steady presence, his thoughtful guidance, and his sincere commitment to service inspire confidence, trust, and unity. These qualities are essential in the next President of ICC.

The role of ICC President demands not only technical mastery and leadership experience, but heart, humility, and the ability to connect the diverse voices that make ICC strong. Steven embodies all of these qualities. He has shown, time and again, that he does not simply work in building safety, he lives it, champions it, and advances it with intention and purpose.

It is with sincere admiration and wholehearted confidence that WSAPT endorses Steven L. McDaniel for President of the International Code Council. We respectfully urge the Nominating Committee to recognize his extraordinary qualifications, his long record of service, and his unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of communities across the nation.

Sincerely,

Tela Gardner

Tela Gardner, President

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