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Mr. Dominic Sims
Chief Executive Officer
International Code Council
500 New Jersey Avenue NW, 6th Floor Washington, DC 20001

Dear Mr. Sims,

I am writing to express strong concern about the ICC's proposal to eliminate the Governmental Consensus Process that has been successfully used to develop the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) for residential and commercial buildings.

The Village of Chicago Ridge was proud to vote in the ICC's Governmental Consensus Voting Process for the 2021 IECC, which is the most energy-efficient code to date. We are knowledgeable about the code from enforcing it at the local level. With local governments playing such an important role in administering the code, why would the ICC try to eliminate our input from the code development process?

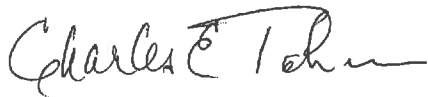
Because buildings in the Chicago region account for more than two-thirds of emissions, we believe it is important to create the most energy-efficient structures possible during new construction. Curbing these emissions through green buildings is one of the only ways the Chicago region can meet the goals in the regional climate plan that is being finalized.

The ICC should reject the proposal to change the current code development process from an open and democratic one that values the input of local government officials to a standards-development process that will be decided by a committee, which may not include any local government representatives.

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.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles E. Tokar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Charles E. Tokar, J.D., MPA
Village President