Members of the 2019 Group B Appeals Board, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Sims,

The City of Richmond had the opportunity to participate in the 2021 IECC voting process. We were relieved to learn in April that the challenges were not upheld by the Validation Committee and review of the ICC Board of Directors. We were disappointed to learn that these same challenges have been resurfaced as appeals. The City of Richmond is writing today to encourage you to uphold the outcomes of this voting process.

We’d like to address the main area of the appeal re: attempts to remove electrification measures from the code.

We heard at various points in the hearings testimony that the IECC may not be the right place for these measures. However, following the rules that were put before us, we chose, as many did, to disagree. Electrification is a critical piece of energy planning and conservation in order to meet the needs of our city and our climate goals. Our actions were deliberate and informed. To help us move our energy codes forward, measures that help us plan for electrification must be included.

I encourage you to uphold these voting results. Thank you to you and your staff for maintaining the integrity of this system and thank you for your consideration.

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