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The Honorable Kelly Speakes-Backman
Acting Assistant Secretary for Energy
Efficiency & Renewable Energy
U.S. Department of Energy

Via email

Dear Acting Assistant Secretary Speakes-Backman:

Thank you for your February 25th letter concerning the International Code Council's consideration of a change to the process through which the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is developed. The Code Council deeply appreciates the U.S. Department of Energy's longstanding support for energy codes, the Code Council, and the IECC.

The Code Council Board is meeting March 3rd to discuss whether the IECC's development process should be changed and, if so, how. Reaching a decision on a path forward for the IECC is time sensitive. Keeping the IECC on a development cycle that parallels the release of the other International Codes (I-Codes) is essential. The IECC is incorporated into the International Residential Code and referenced by the International Building Code and many jurisdictions adopt the suite of I-Codes as a set. Not having the 2024 IECC timely completed will be detrimental to its adoption and the adoption of the suite of I-Codes. Therefore, if the development process is to change, the process will need to be in place to realize a timely release.

We understand the Department's interest in receiving additional information around the consideration of a change to the IECC's development, what that change could entail, and how that change could impact the direction of the IECC, its adoption, and its implementation. Recognizing the timeline the Code Council faces, we would respectfully request a phone call with you on Monday March 1st or Tuesday March 2nd.

Please advise us of your availability at your earliest convenience. Gabe Maser (gmaser@iccsafe.org) on my staff can coordinate with respect to the Code Council's participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dominic Sims", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dominic Sims
Chief Executive Officer
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