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To: 2019 Group B Appeals Board, c/o Mike Pfeiffer, Senior Vice President of Technical Services, at mpfeiffer@iccsafe.org

Greg Wheeler, CBO President, International Code Council, at gwheeler@iccsafe.org

Dominic Sims, CEO, International Code Council, at Dsims@iccsafe.org

Dear Mr. Pfeiffer, Mr. Wheeler, and Mr. Sims:

We're writing to urge the International Code Council (ICC) to uphold the vote on the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). In Colorado, staff from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, the Colorado Energy Office, and the Department of Natural Resources voted for the 2021 codes. We appreciate the opportunity to vote online because it gives state agency staff the time to research the provisions, engage in the process, and cast their votes at their own convenience. With the continued threat of the pandemic and state budgets facing fiscal constraints, working remotely and conducting meetings virtually will continue to be our default approach in formulating and administering rules, programs and policy for the foreseeable future. Preserving online voting will ensure equal access to government staff who don't have the option to attend in-person hearings.

Colorado is taking bold action to address the impacts of climate change. We set goals to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution by 50% by 2030 and achieve 100% renewable energy by 2040. Our largest utilities have made commitments to close coal-fired power plants and lower carbon emissions 80% by 2030. Our agencies are working together to develop a GHG Pollution Reduction Roadmap to identify and implement strategies that will lower emissions across all sectors. Improving energy efficiency and electrifying transportation and buildings as the grid decarbonizes will be key pathways to helping Colorado meet our climate goals.

More than 40 municipalities around the country—including several in Colorado—have EV infrastructure requirements in their building codes. It's time to modernize the 2021 IECC model code and require EV charging infrastructure in new construction. These

provisions will be crucial to preparing buildings to charge the 940,000 electric vehicles that Colorado plans to have on the roads by 2030.

As a home rule state, Colorado's local communities have significant authority over building codes. However, legislation enacted in 2019 requires local codes to be at least as strong as one of the three most recent versions of the IECC. As communities face budget shortfalls and uncertainty over the next few years, strong building energy codes can bolster economic recovery and resiliency through technology innovation, the creation of clean energy jobs and the construction of healthier, more energy-efficient buildings.

We appreciate the ICC's thorough code development process which empowers stakeholders to provide expertise and input. We request that the 2019 Group B Appeals Board stand by the votes of ICC's governmental members and continue to support strategies that increase participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will Toor".

Will Toor, Executive Director
Colorado Energy Office

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Putnam".

John Putnam, Environmental Programs Director
Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Gibbs".

Dan Gibbs, Executive Director
Colorado Department of Natural Resources