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**Subject:** IECC should remain a code and not a standard

Dear ICC Board members:

I am concerned that we have not been given time to publicly discuss the proposal to change the IECC from a code to a standard and remove the input of government officials in the energy code process and to keep it as a part of the family of codes.

In my opinion, ICC should keep the IECC as a code that is updated as part of the code development process by government officials through the online voting process and public hearing process. cdpAccess really does work for the IECC. Before when we had to be there in person, as few as 20 people voted late at night on code changes. Other times uniform fireman packed the room (Baltimore) to ensure a code change. Why is the fire code undergoing the same review to be a standard if the board feels that the permitting and inspection professionals should not be voting on the code. Is the ICC board being influenced by a special interest group such as the NAHB? The NAHB should not be the voice that cuts off the substantial contribution by the government voting members to update the building codes, including the energy code.

As a former plan reviewer, I believe this code makes buildings more affordable, more resilient, and safer for people by improving air quality. Air quality is improved by reducing the products of combustion that are released when buildings are heated and cooled on site or by the electric power plants. Even is the power plant is remote from my location, it is near other people and affects their local air quality.

As a mechanical engineer, I feel government participants have the interest of the public, technical considerations, and the safety of building users as a primary reason for proposing code changes. The IECC also reduces water usage and makes buildings more comfortable for users by making less affected by extreme changes in temperature caused by weather. More insulated buildings are also more affordable to operate for the life of the building by reducing utility costs.

Why would the board ignore their own process and change the rules without a more public and fully engaged process during a COVID crisis? Please expand the time for comments and engagement with interested governmental members.

Please do not go forward to change the IECC to a standard during the COVID crisis.

Best regards,  
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