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Subject: ICC Energy Standards

I am writing to support that the ICC continue to maintain and update the Energy Code to be continuously included in the family of I-codes for New York state. ICC has shown the commitment and expertise to properly develop codes to keep up the pace with the construction industry, and I do not see the need to change that. However, it is my opinion that energy code inspections for buildings other than “Residential” should be conducted by “Special Inspectors” and those provisions should be included in Chapter 17 of the Building Code. The simple reason is that Commercial Energy codes and related compliance inspections are becoming very complex and numerous for the average Code Enforcement Officer. It is getting to the point where unique talents and advanced education are becoming more apparent as standard requirements for Code Officers when hired. Most municipalities other than large cities are not able or willing to pay for this level of education and cannot afford to staff an office to properly handle so many energy inspections. I say this with 22 years of experience in New York State as a Code Enforcement Officer. During this time I have seen the evolution of energy codes and feel I can no longer keep the pace of these inspections while tending to other important priorities simultaneously in the office like fire safety, complaints, permits, environmental problems, and routine inspections to name a few. . Periodic energy code inspections should be required as a 3rd party independent inspection and included in Chapter 17 of the Building Code.. Thank you in advance for the opportunity to comment on this important subject.

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