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To: International Code Council Board of Directors

SENT VIA E-MAIL

RE: Committee Recommendation to Eliminate Energy Conservation Code

Dear ICC Board of Directors:

I'm writing to express concern about the Long Term Code Development Process Committee's (LTCDP) recent recommendation to eliminate the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and replace it with a standard. Apart from the fact that we are only just learning about this, the recommended action is troubling to us for the following reasons:

- (1) If approved, the action would remove a direct mode of participation that we and many other communities use to help shape a code that is ultimately enforced at the local level by government officials; and
- (2) Participation in the code development process is one of the few ways that local governments in North Carolina and other states can help shape the energy code to support our goals around affordability and energy conservation.

If this recommendation is not rejected by the Board, we request that local governments like Chapel Hill be given the chance to submit formal comments at least 60 days before a final decision is scheduled. More time and information is needed to understand the impacts that a decision like this could have on the many communities that use this code.

We have valued our ability as a local government to participate in the IECC development process, and we are hopeful that this transparent and collaborative form of participation is protected for future code cycles.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Richardson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John Richardson
Community Resilience Officer
Town Manager's Office