

To the Members of the Board of Directors of the International Code Council (ICC),

I am writing to you today to express my support for changing the development process for the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) from the current governmental consensus process to an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) committee process.

I have reached this conclusion based on certain shortcomings I observed in the energy code development process for the 2021 energy code. Those shortcomings can be summarized by the idea that the current process tends to result in one or two organizations joining forces to recruit governmental employees to participate and cast votes in their favor. This leads to the appearance of important final decisions being based on a “get out the vote” popularity campaign.

An ANSI committee process would ensure a better process for developing the energy code. I believe that developing the energy code with a balanced committee representing a wide swath of industry will better represent the needs of everyone, including the construction industry to which I belong. A committee can also develop a more consistent energy code with clear criteria for acceptance, which will benefit all parties involved.

Thank you for your service on the ICC Board of Directors, and I thank you for your time in considering my input.

Best Regards,
Austin

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