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To Whom It Concerns:

I am the president of a relatively small custom home building company in northern Ohio. We meet with all of our clients to determine what we build into their homes based on both initial cost and operating costs. Of course we build all of our homes to the codes of our state, typically exceeding those codes substantially as it is what makes us preferable to our clients over the large production builders.

In recent years we have watched as the energy code requirements appear to be escalating to a point that no longer benefit our clients as a matter of investment. The recent changes to the 2021 energy code will be costly to implement and have serious consequences in regard to affordability for my clients, without demonstrating a legitimate return on their investment.

I am aware that the current system used to adopt the IECC has allowed voters that do not, in my opinion, represent the interests of the families I provide homes for. I understand that the ICC is considering changing the process for updating the IECC from one that might invite political posturing and monetary gain for some, in lieu of a process that is best for our customers, the home buyers that we serve. I further have been made to understand that the adoption process being considered is one similar to an ANSI committee process.

Please accept my endorsement for such a change. The integrity of these codes is important to me, to my clients and to my many friends in the home building business. Cost vs benefit for the consumer, our clients, should never be overlooked.

I very much appreciate the opportunity to express my views and hope you consider a revision that is in the best interests of the families that I, and many other small builders like me, serve.

With all due respect, sincerely,

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