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**Subject:** Wellesley voter

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Dear Sirs,

The Town of Wellesley participated in the IECC code voting process in the Fall of 2019. The voters were people with varied responsibilities: Wellesley Executive Director, Director of Facilities, Inspector of Buildings, Sustainable Energy Director, Select Board Member and several Select Board appointed members of the Sustainable Energy Committee. This variety of perspectives and experience made an excellent contribution to the IECC code improvement process.

It is disappointing to learn that the ICC is moving forward with its proposal to switch the current International Energy Conservation Code development process to a standards process, using the ICC's [Consensus Procedures](#). This change would remove the Governmental Members from the voting process on future IECC updates, and place future content decisions in the hands of a small committee selected directly by the ICC Board—a committee likely to be dominated by private entities with vested financial interests in the status quo.

The Town staff put significant effort into following the ICC guidelines to become members, register governmental voting representatives, engage in understanding the proposals, and vote using the cdp Access tool. Given limited budgets for travel to participate in multiple iterations of the code development process, the open voting period was an excellent opportunity for our staff to be engaged in this process. We believe it is of great benefit to have a larger percentage of eligible voting members participate in the code development process. We followed the rules to become members, and our voters are informed and knowledgeable on the issues put in front of them. Attacks on our understanding of the issues are unfounded.

We feel that without the testimony of the governmental members and energy efficiency advocates the codes will not provide the continuous improvement needed to meet the demands of the future. We want to keep the determination of the code in the hands of those who work with it every day, the local governmental representatives.

Please maintain the Governmental Members in the voting process on future IECC updates.

Sincerely,

Fred Bunger member Wellesley Sustainable Energy Committee