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Good Morning Mr. Pfeiffer,

Texas' State Energy Office comments related to the appeal on the Online Governmental Consensus Vote (OGCV) process are provided in the paragraphs below.

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For many years, State Energy Offices actively participated in the code development process. By joining the International Code Council and obtaining a Governmental Membership, states offered their expertise and voted in accordance with their state's needs and views.

State Energy Office energy-code subject-matter experts play an important role in updating codes. The cost of sending 12 officials to Committee Action Hearings and Public Comment Hearings which each may run 6 days (12 days per year) is prohibitive.

OGCV is essential because states can use their full allotment of 12 voters. Maintaining the OGCV preserves participation, ensures code validity, and supports an open and transparent code development process. Furthermore, the OGCV provides a platform for state officials to participate, further giving voice to those who serve the public interest.

For these reasons, we recommend that the OGCV process, as it relates to State Energy Offices, remains unchanged.

Respectfully,
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