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Michael J. Pfeiffer
SVP, Technical Services
International Code Council
Central Regional Office
4051 Flossmoor Road
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Dear Mr. Pfeiffer,

The governmental officials of the City Manager's Office of the City of Sarasota are proud to have participated in the ICC's online voting process that resulted in the passage of a model energy code that is expected to save nearly 10% over the previous version. The IECC is important to our City's policies, impacting the affordability, resilience, sustainability, and safety of our buildings, the stability of our power grid owners and tenants, and the challenges of foreclosures and financial support to families and small businesses.

Our staff are highly immersed in energy efficiency, sustainable design and building communities and see the impacts of the energy codes on the City daily. ICC's online voting process allows us to participate more fully in I-Codes and have all our voices and votes counted in a manner that does not take away from our daily responsibilities. Our office may not have the resources or time to be able to send our representatives to vote in person, but that inability does not take away our desire to participate, nor does it decrease our understanding of the impact and importance of I-Codes. We are deeply concerned over the continued and repeated charges of inadequate staff vetting of ICC Governmental Members and of flaws in the ICC code development process.

We believe the charges are both wrong and potentially damaging to the reputation of - and confidence in - the International Code Council. We also feel strongly that ICC's Online Voting process not only allows ICC's Governmental Members to participate more fully in the I-Code Development Process, but that broader voting participation by officials who don't have a vested financial interest in the outcome enhances the legitimacy of the final I-Codes. We believe the code is stronger because of the breadth of participants in the process and we look forward to continuing to take part. Please do not hesitate to contact me to provide any additional clarification.

Sincerely,

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