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Dear Colorado State Legislators:

My name is Daniel P. Reardon and I am the Building Official for Paonia, Colorado. I was the Building Official for Delta, Colorado from July of 1998 until February of 2018 and continue my role as the meeting-coordinator for the Western Colorado Code Professionals (WCCP). WCCP is made up of a group of Building Officials from the Cities of Gunnison, Montrose and Orchard City, the Counties of Gunnison, San Miguel, Hinsdale, Montrose and Ouray, the Towns of Ouray, Telluride, Mountain Village, Ridgway, Paonia and Cedaredge – Hotchkiss may soon join WCCP as well. The Building Officials representing these fourteen jurisdictions meet monthly and a great deal of our recent discussions have revolved around updating our adopted codes to the 2018 I-Codes.

Working now for Colorado Code Consulting, LLC (who contracts to perform Building Department services for Paonia) I am directly involved in helping Telluride, San Miguel County, Ridgway, Montrose City, Orchard City, Cedaredge, Paonia and now the Town of Hotchkiss prepare to adopt the 2018 International Codes. Part of that process includes having public meetings with contractors, designers and citizens to discuss the adoption process and impacts of updating to newer codes. The public meetings currently scheduled are as follows: Ridgway April 15, 2019, Paonia April 16, 2019, Telluride May 8, 2019 and Hotchkiss May 11, 2019. Each of these communities intend to update their adopted Codes to the 2018 I-Codes (Including the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code).

Discussions at recent WCCP meetings keep coming back to the realization of how our Western-Slope jurisdictions have slipped behind; this has inspired many of us to formulate a plan to update codes every other code-cycle. Cost is a big consideration in not wanting to update every three years as new codes are published, opting instead for a compromise to update every six years to stay reasonably current. It is a major undertaking, but we realize the importance and the many benefits of staying more current than we have. Member jurisdictions who are proposing to adopt the 2018 I-Codes are not considering adopting an older IECC but may implement a stepped-approach with the 2018 IECC as discussed next.

Gil Rossmiller and Hope Medina are two of my cohorts with Colorado Code Consulting who specialize in teaching Code Officials and designers how to navigate the IECC. They have worked as consultants with Xcel Energy developing a brochure to help communities adopt current Energy Codes, but with a phased-in implementation plan (see attached). With this approach it makes no sense to adopt an older code that is already outdated and may not satisfy the mandates set forth in Section 406(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C 5172 (b)) passed February 9, 2018.

I have been a member of the Board of Directors for the Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council (CCICC) since 2016 and continue in that position. I serve on the "Building Futures" committee for the CCICC and have recently joined as a member of the Advisory Board for the Technical College of the Rockies in Delta, Colorado. I bring these affiliations to your attention to emphasize my commitment to education and excellence in this industry. Speaking for myself, and as a consultant who is guiding many Western-Slope communities in updating their adopted codes, I strongly support your leadership in passing HB19-1260. Enacting contemporary regulations that guide us in conserving Energy is the right thing to do for our beautiful State of Colorado – please show the courage to lead this charge.

Sincerely,



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