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Subject: FW: WA State Bldg Code Council Public Hearings

I wish to enter the two emails below and the [attached PDF file](#) as public comments on the adoption of Fire Code Section 1104.23 and 1104.24.

Thank you

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Manny:

I agree with your concern that it appears the SBCC does not fully recognize the full and complete vetting of those IFC requirements. The IFC requirements are a result of much study and debate how to make buildings safer post the 911 event. The core value and benefit of the ICC Governmental Consensus Process is that the final code decisions are made by public safety officials only with the interest to make buildings safer. Individuals and manufactures participate in the process, may also serve on Code Development Committees but are barred from voting on the final action (decision) because they often have a financial interest. Unfortunately, WA SBCC member Duane Jonlin was involved in the crafting of that state proposed amendment and he has spoke out in support of it and brought along other supporters.

The ICC position and the position the ICC GR repeats is, we support the ICC CDP and the results that are the final decisions as made by the ICC voting membership on our codes. This is the best collective result coming out of the brain trust of a national process and recognized technical experts from across the country and from around the world. We encourage adopting jurisdictions not to amend the codes. Having said that, we also recognize the adopting jurisdictions are sovereign, and possess the authority to conduct their adoption process and hearings as they see fit. We encourage them to not amend the ICC codes.

I will be attending Friday's WA SBCC hearing.

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Hello Mr. Stevenson. On Friday, Sept 21, the Washington State Building Code Council will take public comments on whether or not the State of Washington is going to adopt Section Section 1104.23 and 1104.24 of the 2012 International Fire Code.

I am very concerned that this is even being discussed as it suggests that the minimum requirements established by the ICC model codes through the governmental consensus process can then be re-debated before state commissions and councils thus allowing special interests groups to exert their political muscle at the state level.

If this is allowed to happen in the State of Washington, it will happen in other states and that will ultimately undermine and possibly destroy the model code process.

I hope you will comment on this by the Friday deadline.

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