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Dear Members of the Washington State Building Code Council:

I am a licensed architect in the State of Washington and I served as a member of the Energy Code Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for the 2012 code cycle. I urge you to adopt the 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) and amendments recommendation by the TAG. This code update is necessary to move our state forward as a leader in energy efficiency and to meet the mandated energy use reductions in RCW 19.27A.160.

The minimum energy efficiency requirements in the 2012 energy code are not burdensome or unreasonably expensive to implement. Bassetti Architects, the firm I work for, regularly designs publicly funded school projects that meet the minimum requirements in the 2012 code as part of our standard practice. As an example, the Federal Way Public Schools Support Services Center is a project designed by Bassetti Architects that will be complete this year. This building meets most all the requirements in the new code and yet was designed in 2009 and completed under budget. The project is LEED registered and is on track to achieve a Gold rating. It is designed to achieve a 28% reduction in energy use from a standard building of its type and to meet the 2030 Challenge of 60% energy use reduction from the 2003 baseline. Please see the attached photographs and highlighted features of this building.

The methods and technologies required in the new code are not difficult or onerous to comply with. Leading architects, contractors, and manufacturers are already exceeding these minimums in our current projects. By raising the minimum energy efficiency performance of all buildings across the state, we will comply with our legislative mandate and position our state to meet the energy challenges of the 21st century that lie ahead.

Sincerely,



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