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Cc: 'Ron Pelson' <ron@traditionaldesignsinc.com>
Subject: WA State Building Code

To the WA State Building Code Council:

My name is Ronald Pelson and I am writing on behalf of Traditional Designs Inc. We are a building design company located in Yakima, WA. On average, we employ 8 people and work hard to contribute to our community through homebuilding.

I am writing today to ask you to postpone the implementation of the 2018 Building and Energy Codes because of the delay caused by safety concerns during the coronavirus outbreak. Through the response to COVID-19, we have practiced social distancing and canceled large gatherings and so have many of the organizations we rely on for education about code compliance. Among those organizations are the Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO) and local chapters of the International Code Council (ICC).

We believe in following all international, state and local building standards. We work diligently to make sure our job sites are safe for our crews and subcontractors and for the communities we build in. Failing to delay the building and energy codes would severely hamper our ability to implement these major code changes safely and efficiently. While finding appropriate education, balancing an ever-evolving world of regulations, and adapting to new health practices and orders, we will be grateful for whatever assistance the Building Code Council can provide including this delay.

Traditional Designs Inc. appreciates the work that you and the council have done to develop the 2018 Building Code and Energy Code. We ask you to acknowledge that we have no practical way of preparing for those changes during the time of ever-changing health concerns. Please, postpone the implementation of the 2018 Building and Energy Codes.

Sincerely,
Ronald Pelson
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