



Washington State Legislature

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

April 21, 2020

The Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor, State of Washington
PO Box 40002
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Governor Inslee:

We the undersigned want to express our appreciation for proclamation 20-40 delaying implementation of certain new building codes until November 2020. These codes include the International Energy code, International Mechanical code, International Plumbing code and other codes related to the International Residential code that were intended to force energy savings by regulating builders.

We are writing to request that you extend the implementation of these building codes until July 2021. With an indefinite moratorium on building, it will be extra burdensome to ask builders to come back to work and, while they are trying to rebuild their business, to implement these codes.

Some of these codes require the use of materials not available in the United States. The manufacturers of building materials in the United States are beginning to suffer from a lack of sales. We believe that it would be better for the Washington State economy if builders were able to continue to purchase materials manufactured not only in the United States, but also specifically in Washington state.

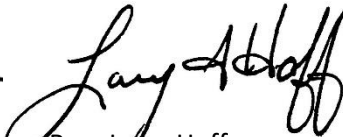
After an extended period without working, many contractors will be struggling to have enough capital to restart and rebuild their businesses, not to mention recover from damage and spoilage that may have occurred on their vacant jobsites. It does not seem prudent to then immediately raise the costs and difficulty of building by implementing draconian codes in the name of energy savings.

Finally, as our economy teeters on the edge of a recession in a time of an existing housing shortage, it will be important that our builders be able to continue to build housing at a cost-effective price. This is not the time to institute expensive difficult codes that will discourage the building of homes at an affordable price point.

Thank you for considering this letter during this difficult time. I think we can all agree that energy efficiency is important, but that the health of our economy and the building and contracting sector is even more important.

Sincerely,


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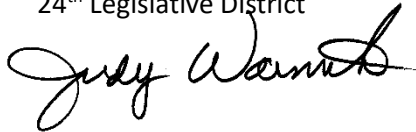

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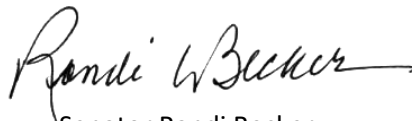

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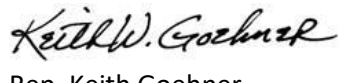

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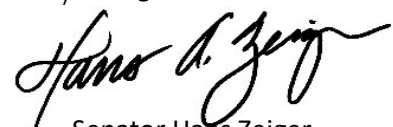

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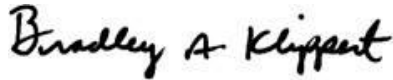

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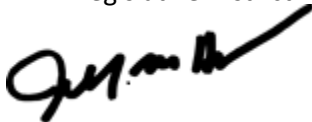
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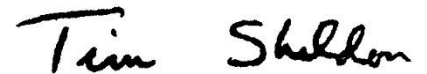
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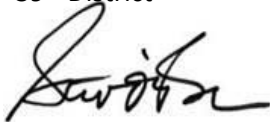
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