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Richard,

Giving this some thought – I realize I am not a person with any kind of important standing with regards to State Officials however would like to voice my thoughts.

Our local Division Office and Field Staff are seemingly in a constant state of struggle to insure we comply with changing Covid restrictions – and importantly to insure all Employees and Partners have a safe Environment to work in. Losing the opportunity for in person meetings with Company Staff and just as important with local Building Jurisdiction Staff makes the permitting, development and construction functions far more difficult. Throw peoples personal situations into the mix and it gets even more difficult and at times down right chaotic. Now add all the different Cities and Counties struggles on top of this. It's very big job for our Division Leaders juggling all this and still keeping things functioning, keeping folks working so they can take home a paycheck.

With all that said it would certainly seem reasonable and show a sense of empathy and compassion for the ordinary citizen to reevaluate a date to institute the new code change. Anything would help however I would suggest a far more reasonable date would be July 1st, 2021. I understand how important it is to many folks on your side of the equation to get this done. But with all the struggles so many of us out here in the real everyday work world are facing would it really be a terrible thing if the code date was in July? Are there really any terrible consequences to pushing it out? With the Vaccine roll out and hopes rising for getting back to some state of normalcy in early Summer wouldn't the July 1 date be more reasonable?

I wonder if it has become a matter of Politics rather than doing what is realistic, what is best for ordinary citizens. If that is the case it's disappointing.

So that's my 2 cents worth. If you see some reasonableness to my take on things, if my voice could be heard in discussions I'd appreciate it if you would pass on my comments.

Thanks,

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