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Via: sbcc@des.wa.gov

RE: Joint Stakeholder Letter in Support of BIAW's Recommended SBCC Bylaws Update

Chair Beyreuther and Members of the Council,

We, the undersigned, write to support the recommended updates to the State Building Code Council's (SBCC) bylaws offered by the Building Industry Association of Washington (BIAW). These are modest changes that if adopted will help stakeholders' and the public's engagement with the SBCC.

They also include clarifications that will improve SBCC processes and strengthen compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30) and the State Building Code Act (RCW 19.27). For example, having access to final documents at least 24 hours in advance is critical to provide quality feedback to the SBCC on how code proposals, proposed rules, and other important decisions will affect our members and the state at large.

The recommendations are based on our experiences as engaged stakeholders and long-time participants in SBCC activities. We implore the SBCC to adopt these changes to expand on an organizational culture that prioritizes legal compliance and robust engagement with stakeholders and the public.

Sincerely,

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