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NASEO Continues Strong Opposition to the ICC's Elimination of State Voting on the International Energy Conservation Code Development Process

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The National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) represents the 56 State, Territory and District of Columbia Energy Offices and their more than 3,000 staff. NASEO strenuously opposes the International Code Council's (ICC) elimination of the ability of State energy officials to vote on the content of the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC). NASEO believes that the states should have a right to participate in the development of building energy codes, especially considering state and local governments are responsible for adopting the code.

NASEO's members include the foremost experts on building energy codes and on the impact of these codes on the individual buildings, economies, and the electric and natural gas systems. State energy officials have worked on the development of energy codes for more than 40 years. We believe that the ICC's elimination of existing robust state voting options in the building energy code process is a solution in search of a problem. Stripping thousands of state and local officials of their ability to vote on the final form of the building energy code, and replacing their views with a small committee which cannot represent the diversity of the state government views is a tremendous step backward for both the public interest, which state government officials represent, and energy efficiency.

This ICC action infringes upon the ability of the states to establish responsible policies used within their jurisdictions. The ICC appears to be acting on behalf of a small number of interest groups and is expressly ignoring the governmental members it purports to represent. The decision also dismisses the views of the vast majority of stakeholders who are on record as opposing the change. The ICC's decision goes against the explicit desires of State energy officials from across the U.S. geographic and political spectrum, and we urge the ICC Board to reconsider this decision. Disenfranchising state and local voters is never a good idea.

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