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The International Code Council (Code Council) and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) are working together to assure safe and affordable housing throughout the US. Today, we are asking for your help as we develop the next generation of building codes. Based on the fundamentals of building science, these updated model codes form the basis for uniformity in building safety in all 50 states. While an overwhelming majority of our state and local jurisdictions already use the Code Council's family of model codes, many communities may not realize how important and easy it is to become involved in the Code Council's open and balanced code development process.

The Code Council and NAHB believe it is critical that Code Officials from all levels of government and all areas of the country participate in the nation's model building code development process. This will help to ensure that the model codes reflect the true nature of risk, incorporate best practices, eliminate barriers to new technology and balance safety and affordability to produce strong and economically vibrant communities.

Now, more than ever, we need the commitment from jurisdictions like yours (we refer to them as Governmental Members) to participate in the development of the model building codes that form the basis of construction regulations across the country. In an effort to promote wider participation, the process recently was streamlined to allow all states, cities, counties, towns and villages to participate without having to travel by using the new online, cloud based process called cdpACCESS (code development process access). Now, your building safety professionals can submit code change proposals, watch testimony, view data, and, when appropriate, vote on updates to the family of Codes right from the computer in their office. cdpACCESS is intuitive, always available, and free of charge! While participating in person is still encouraged and can be beneficial to the attendees, cdpACCESS allows many who would otherwise be unable to attend the opportunity to tune in virtually.

All that is required for your jurisdiction to be eligible to participate and vote during the 2016 codes development cycle is to become a Code Council Governmental Member by March 17, 2016. Once registered, you must designate your voting representatives who can then participate in the process (either in-person or via cdpACCESS). Please don't hesitate to contact your ICC Membership representative at members@iccsafe.org or at 888-ICC-SAFE (888-422-7233) x33804 if you have any questions or need any assistance. With your support, we can ensure the building codes that govern our communities are as safe and thorough as possible.

Please make participation in the Code Council's model code development process a top priority every year. We appreciate your time and we look forward to working with you and your jurisdiction for many years to come.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Olszowy, III".

Alex Olszowy, III
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Ed Brady
NAHB Chairman of the Board