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Chairman James Mura
Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission
Indiana Department of Homeland Security

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RE: Statement - FPBSC Building Code Update Committee

Chairman and Director:

At the December and January Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission meetings, I discussed the need to have a general construction contractor as a voting member on the Building Code Update Committee. I recommended myself since we didn't have anyone from the public volunteering that has worked as a general construction contractor. As I understand it, the Commission's meeting minutes are only a record of substantive actions and would not include my comments made during the meeting. Please accept the following as a general statement of my comments:

During the January Commission meeting, Commissioner Patarino, who is a general construction contractor, suggested himself again for the contractor position on the Building Code Update Committee. His comments were as follows: 1) this committee needs a strong industry voice on it and someone who is a general construction contractor and not a mechanical contractor who would be better suited for the Fire Protection Update Committee; 2) in their wisdom, the Indiana State Legislature and Governor last year changed the makeup of the Commission to add more construction experts, therefore the code update committees should also reflect this change; 3) since it might be hard for volunteers to be on more than one code update committee, I am willing to step down from the Electrical Code Update Committee to serve on the Building Code Update Committee; 4) past code update committees have had more than one Commissioner on it, for example the Residential Code Update Committee, so adding me to the Building Code Update Committee is not unprecedented; and 5) if our goal is to succeed in getting our building code updates approved by the Commission, Legislature, and signed into law by the Governor, another strong voice on the committee can only be helpful.

Respectfully,

G. Michael Patarino
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