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Mr. Brian Gale, Chairman  
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RE: February 11, 2014 Public Hearing Comments

Dear Mr. Gale:

I am writing to provide comments on your recent public hearing of February, 2014. I am attaching comments and recommended solutions for your review.

The following items should be addressed prior to final promulgation of Chapter 1.

Section 101.4: Referenced Codes should revert back to the current language with respect to the Mechanical and Fire Prevention references. Further, the prospective building code language should be clearer for the reader and be in line with Massachusetts General Law 148 sections 9, 26B and 26F-1/2.

Section 105.2.2: We understand that Chief of Inspections Robert Anderson has proposed a revision to section 105.2.2, which we accept his proposal.

Section 105.3.1: An item “8” should be added, which references MGL 148 Section 26G. We further request that you update and re-issue interpretation 45-96 in conjunction with this change.

Section 107.1.2: A mechanism must be included to ensure the delivery of plans to the Head of the Local Fire Department for review and approval.

Section 111.2: In this section, item 10 should be clearly identified that for places of assembly all possible configurations and occupant loads must be included.

## **Chapter 34**

Section 101.5.4.0 Investigation and Evaluation should revert back to the current language. The requirement for hazardous materials should be included in this report and will dovetail with the requirements in Chapter 4.

If you have any further questions please let me know.

Sincerely,

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