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Re: Code Amendment Proposal

To whom it may concern:

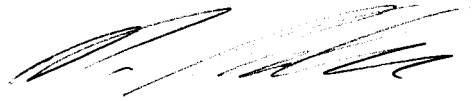
My main objective with this proposal is to increase the depth of exterior treads for residential one and two family dwellings. Nine inches is barely enough to safely step on. My exterior step treads are built to 9 inches, which is the bare minimum and it just doesn't seem to be enough.

I understand that there are some inside requirements that would make this hard to achieve given the heights between floors. However, outside those requirements are not present and steps can be pushed out as far as needed.

I think changing the requirement to 10.5 or 11 inches minimum for exterior treads would add to the safety of homeowners.

Thank you for your consideration

Regards,



Nick Anderson

IRC 2009 = 10" TREAD

RE: RESIDENTIAL EXTERIOR TREAD DEPTH
 NOTE: IRC 2009 = 10"



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MASSACHUSETTS STATE BUILDING CODE - CODE AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

Please Print		State Use Only	
Date:	01/NOV/2010	Date Received:	Nov, 2010
Code Section:	5311.5.3.2	Code Change Number:	2011-5-
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Check (3) type of amendment proposed

- Change Section as follows
- Add new section as follows
- Delete section and substitute as follows
- Delete section - no substitute

Text of Proposed Amendment:

"The minimum tread depth shall be nine inches (229mm)." Proposal. "In addition to that, all exterior treads shall have a minimum tread depth of 11 inches (279.4mm)."

Supporting Statements: Include supplementary material - use additional sheets if necessary

See Attached