

May 13, 2011

Mr. Michael Guigli
Department of Public Safety
One Ashburton Place, Room 1301
Boston, MA 02108

RE; ONE & TWO FAMILY HOME FIRE SPRINKLERS

Dear Mr. Guigli:

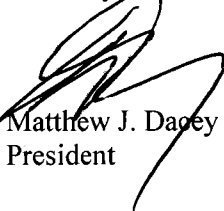
I am, and have been, in the homebuilding business since 1985; and actually, well before that, as my father was also a single-family homebuilder, so I grew up in the business so to speak. I am very much opposed to the proposed legislation to mandate or allow a provision allowing communities to enact a "Stretch Sprinkler Code" as part of the State Building Code. The sprinklers in one and two family homes are not necessary, and are very costly to install.

I would be interested to know what the number of single-family and two-family house fires are in each town on a yearly basis, and what is the cause of these fires. I do not think that the top four reasons have anything to do with the building of the dwelling, as the current building codes are already very demanding regarding fire safety and resistance. There is no need for sprinklers in homes. Should this pass, it would continue to make new homes unaffordable for young and work-force buyers in the marketplace today.

Having built over 1,500 homes in Massachusetts over the past twenty-six years, I am urging you and the Board of Building Regulations and Standards to vote this down and deny the Fire Marshall's proposal. It does not make practical sense, in our current economic environment, or in any economic environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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President

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May 11, 2011

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Attn.: Michael Guigli – Dept. of Public Safety
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Re: Stretch Sprinkler Code

Dear Mr. Guigli:

We, as builders of over 400 single family homes since 1985, felt it necessary to contact you regarding the proposal to mandate fire sprinklers in all new one and two family residential construction.

We believe that this code will be used by cities and towns of Massachusetts as another tool to discriminate against builders and new construction to take place in their community. As much as we do not want to see this proposal become a mandate, we feel the fire problem is really not with new homes but with older, poorly constructed, homes. If it does, it should be statewide, not a community decision (still not changing the older homes susceptibility to fire).

It is difficult enough to keep up with the smoke detector and carbon monoxide code changes that are implemented and changed constantly at a consistently increasing cost to the builder. To have the costs to the builder continue to keep rising, you are creating a situation that will make builders (eventually) be out of business...is that what you wish to happen, especially in this economy?

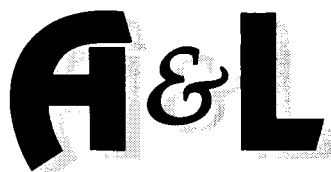
Please consider all aspects of the situation of an already well-constructed and fire-safe home before mandating this proposal. We strive to build quality homes that meet all safety standards.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Michael Guigli
Department of Public Safety
One Ashburton Place, Room 301
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Dear Mr. Guigli,

This is in response to a letter I received from Walter Tomala on May 7th regarding the proposed mandation of fire sprinklers in one and two family residential construction. IT WON'T help my business for sure.

I am opposed to this legislation being passed for many reasons. One is the actual cost per dwelling to accomplish this. Secondly, what it does to distract the potential home buyer in buying one of these new homes at a considerably added cost. Three, what it will do to the economy and decreasing the amount of sales of new homes in the industry.

Personally, I do not feel that the safety portion of this is the issue. How many people have died as a result of a residential fire? If this passes, what about the millions of homes that were built prior to this enactment that DO NOT have fire suppression from sprinklers? Please do all you can to prevent this from being a reality. Thank you.

Sincerely,

E. "Al" Jamgochian
Owner, A & L Remodelers

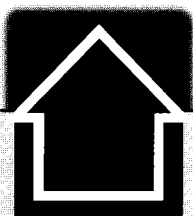
cc: Walter Tomala, President, HBAMA



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May 20, 2011

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Via email: @Mike.Guigli@state.ma.us

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Mr. Guigli:

My name is Kevin Giblin and I have been a developer in the MetroWest area for nearly forty years having built over 2,000 residential units, and many commercial office and retail complexes.

I have been following the news on the proposed "Stretch Sprinkler Code" to be added to the State Building Code, and absolutely solicit your vote **against** such a bill. At a time when our industry is in a free fall with current housing numbers at a 47 year low, it seems unconscionable to add more expense and bureaucracy to building a home.

Over the last twenty years, all facets of building a home have vastly improved with changes in wiring, plumbing, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, not to mention better materials which allow greater access and egress. It seems we could, and should, shelve this idea for at least five years in order to become more competitive in our industry and recover from this troubled economy.

At our company, Brendon Homes, we embrace products and changes that benefit the consumer and improve the homes we deliver. However, to add \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 to a home budget right now would be suicide for the home building industry that is already struggling to make a living.

Please consider the thousands of affected builders, realtors, suppliers, and subcontractors not to mention buyers or the tax revenue to state and local communities that is derived when residential construction slows or stops.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Giblin", written over a light blue grid background.

Kevin Giblin

KG/lc