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From: Tom Howes
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 11:07 AM
Subject: IECC Amendments to 8th Ed State Building Code

Dear Mr Zemel

I have heard you speak at the Home Builders of Cape Cod(HBRCC) about the proposed amendments to the 8th Edition of the State Building code that relate to the IECC and appreciate your efforts to make sense of our code review process. As a business intimately involved in affordable housing construction and renovations, Delphi Construction has been a leader in the construction industry for many years now. We applaud the Home Builders Associations of Massachusetts in their efforts to further zoning changes which promote more affordable housing opportunities in our communities. Great attention to the lack of affordable, workforce housing in our communities throughout the State has been highlighted in all areas of government from the Governor and Mayor of Boston, to our local Towns desperately trying to provide housing for all our communities.

We find the proposed amendments aimed at energy efficiency to be generally at odds with the overall goal of building homes that remain affordable to most of our citizens and neighbors. While we support the long term goals of building energy efficient homes and buildings, the current amendments will pile on more costs as a burden to those trying to build homes that are affordable to those who need them most in our communities.

I urge you in your review of these amendments to listen to the building communities and reject their passage as unsustainable in our continued efforts to promote workforce housing in Massachusetts.

Thank you for your consideration and work on behalf of the professional building industry in Massachusetts.