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Subject: Adoption of Resolution in Support of the Community Building Code Administration Grant Act.

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Dear Ms. Yerkes:

I am pleased to forward for your attention and action a Resolution, recently adopted by the membership of the Orange Empire Chapter in support of the enactment and funding of the Community Building Code Administration Grant Act (CBCAG).

We, as code professionals serving the public interest for building safety and fire prevention for more than 3 million constituents, clearly recognize the need for the CBCAG as well as the benefits our support can offer. As professionals committed to safety, we know that our success in developing and maintaining quality codes with a matched commitment of local resources toward the proper application of these codes will assure the safety of our citizens even during catastrophic events such as earthquakes, floods, etc. We also realize, that for every tax dollar spent on proactive building and occupant safety efforts, four dollars will be saved in rebuilding efforts after a disaster. As such, the CBCAG, when passed and funded, will be money well spent. It will provide matching support to jurisdictions that may be short on revenues but are committed to improving the effectiveness of their local building code administration efforts. We owe this to our citizens and to those that visit Orange County, California.

We thank you for your efforts to bring our Resolution to the attention of Congress and to work actively with our Congressional Delegation to gain enactment and funding of the CBCAG.

Sincerely,

  
Joe Kirkpatrick, President

Enclosure: Resolution

**A Resolution of the Membership of the  
Orange Empire Chapter**

**Encouraging Congressional Support  
for the  
Community Building Code  
Administration Grant Act of 2007**

**As**, code professionals charged with the safety of more than 3,000,000 citizens of Orange County, California, we recognize that they, their families and friends, homes, businesses, places of worship and recreation are at risk from a variety of hazards such as earthquakes, floods, lightning and high winds; and

**Whereas**, these disasters have the potential for causing widespread injury, loss of life, damage to property, community infrastructure and the environment; and

**Whereas**, that effective pre-disaster mitigation, through preparedness, timely warning and well-trained and equipped code professionals will reduce injuries, and deaths which could result during a hazard; and

**Whereas**, recent hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and earthquakes clearly demonstrate our nation's on-going vulnerability to natural and man made catastrophic events, and

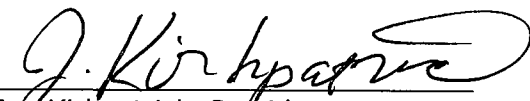
**Whereas**, that local adoption of modern building codes and standards is simply a first step in responsible governance of the built environment. That this effort must then be coupled with an effective code administration and enforcement effort in order to assure building occupant safety, hazard mitigation, enhanced property values, energy efficiency, and affordable personal and property insurance premiums, and

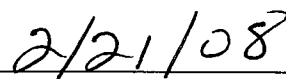
**Whereas**, the national benefit by providing support for local building code enforcement efforts is clearly evidenced within a recent report of the National Institute for Building Safety that showed for every federal tax dollar spent on mitigation, our citizens will save nearly \$4.00 in future disaster recovery expenses, and

**Whereas**, the Community Building Code Administration Grant Act of 2007, when enacted and funded, will provide competitively evaluated federal grants, locally matched, to local governments who seek to establish, or improve their local code administration and enforcement capabilities.

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the membership of the Orange Empire Chapter, an organization committed to the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, do request our Members of Congress to support the passage and funding of H.R. 4461/S. 2458, the Community Building Code Administration Grant Act of 2007. We further request the International Code Council to deliver this Resolution to Congress and to continue to work on our behalf in the enactment and funding of the Community Building Code Administration Grant Act of 1007.

Passed by the membership on this day, Thursday, February 21, 2008.

  
Joe Kirkpatrick, President

  
Date