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The Honorable Michael F. Easley
Governor of North Carolina,

and

The Honorable James E. Long
North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance,

It is with great privilege and care that I write to you jointly, recommending that you support and approve an amendment to the current make up of the North Carolina Building Code Council (NCBCC). We are requesting that three (3) additional positions be added and filled with one (1) electrical inspector, one (1) mechanical inspector, and one (1) plumbing inspector certified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal to perform inspections in the State of North Carolina. It is further requested that the Commissioner of Insurance appoint these three (3) new positions along with the existing two (2) inspector positions (Fire and Building). We believe that the Commissioner of Insurance and his staff would be best qualified to make these appointments. The appointment of a qualified member of The North Carolina Ellis Cannady Chapter, and each of the Mechanical and Plumbing state inspector associations would assure unbiased committee participation with the sole purpose of assuring the public safety in an equitable manner.

As you are aware most codes are still modeled after national codes that have input from all parties of a given industry and include our members. Our state enacts its own code with revisions to these codes (International Building Codes (which includes Building, Fire, Mechanical, Plumbing, Fuel Gas, Energy) and the National Electrical Code). Our selected members would have considerable experience in the enactment and approvals of the codes in all areas as they are already heavily involved at the national level, and at the state level contribute as allowed to our State's interest. Our Chapter has made considerable efforts in the past two years to gain the ear of the Council and express our concern and interest in the safe application and modification of our State's Codes with limited success.

Unfortunately the current NCBCC appointments do not allow for our inspector memberships to have a reasonable and necessary input that would assure the citizens of impartiality and necessary experience in the creation and approval of code contents, and in handling code issue appeals. I can assure you that our association candidates to the Commissioner will display the skills, knowledge, experience, determination, and concern necessary for an appointment to the NCBCC.

Thank you for your care and consideration in this matter, and continuing to focus on the future of our state and the protection of its citizens.

Respectfully,
Gary P. Mullis,
President