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Dustin,

I have worked in the field of architecture while in college and upon graduation from Ball State University's College of Architecture. I have over 35 years of experience, working primarily in the State of Indiana, but completing projects elsewhere including Michigan, Illinois, North Carolina, and Florida. During this time, I have studied and applied various editions of building codes to a variety of projects. I find building codes fascinating, and have been always been passionate in learning and applying building codes to the design and construction of buildings.

My first experience with building codes involved the application of the 1989 Indiana Building Code (based on the 1988 Uniform Building Code). I have experienced the progression of the building codes since that time, up through the current 2014 Indiana Building Code, and the change from the Uniform Building Code to the International Building Code. In working on projects in other States, I have studied and applied recent versions of the International Building Code, as adopted by other jurisdictions, including the 2015, 2018, and 2021 versions of the ICC's IBC. I have also been directly involved in developing and submitting over 50 variance requests in the State of Indiana, and have successfully obtained approval of all variance submissions.

I have been involved in the design and construction Health Care projects in Indiana including nursing homes, outpatient surgery centers, and hospital additions and renovations. I have studied and applied various other codes and standards including NFPA 101, 80, 99, and the FGI / AIA Guidelines for the Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities as they apply to these project types. I have been directly involved in the plan review process with the ISDH for such projects.

As I have become familiar with the more recent versions of the International Building Code, I see firsthand the improvements to the life and fire safety features incorporated in these versions of the code. Also, the improvements and clarifications in code language, which is important to me as a design professional, in applying the code. The progression of the building code over time is very important and beneficial to those developing and applying the building code, and the end users and occupants who live and work in these buildings.

I feel my experience will be beneficial in assisting the building code subcommittee's efforts in updating the building code. I hope you will consider my interest in participating in this change.

Sincerely,

Michael Grutsch