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Dear Public Safety Committee,

My Name is Hank Cullinane and I run my family HVAC wholesale distribution business. As co-chairman of the code committee for the CHCC I have actively participated in the code development process. The current 2005 Building Code adopted the 2003 International Building Code with amendments; this puts us 9 years behind current 2012 standard. Will amending the general statues to allow the State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee six years rather than eighteen months to revise the State Building Code achieve the stated purpose of this bill "...providing for a more consistent State Building Code ..."?

I oppose the bill 5749 as currently drafted because it appears to go in the exact opposite direction of what is really needed - which is allowing for the various building codes to be updated more frequently.

New products continually enter the market place bringing innovations to safety, efficiency, and performance. The national model building codes, produced through an open and transparent stakeholder process and led by the ICC and NFPA, are revised every three years to take into account these innovations and technological advances. Therefore, timely adoption in accordance with the national model revision schedule is vitally important. Industry input is important, and I would suggest a more formal role for state contractors on the codes and standards committee.

Sincerely,
Hank Cullinane
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