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To the Florida Building Commission C/O Thomas Campbell, Executive Director

It is our understanding there was a request to delay the FBC 7th Edition (2020) due to COVID-19. We believe it is in the best interest of Floridians to stay with the current implementation date of midnight, December 31, 2020.

- A delay would put Florida behind in design standards and code improvements. ASCE-7 has specific advantages in terms of wind loading for our State, specifically more stringent wind loads for roof connections, a known weak link leading to failures in hurricanes.
- A delay will prevent the use of updated standards within the state. Many designers and manufacturers have begun using the updated standards based upon the long-established FBC and widely advertised implementation date.
- A delay will create an issue with coordination with the Florida Fire Prevention Code, 7th Edition (2020).
- A delay will lead to greater economic hardship.
- A delay will not help the State get back to work.

We believe delaying the code only puts Florida at greater risk by delaying code improvements that create greater structures. Please stay the course and implement the FBC 7th Edition (2020) at midnight on December 31, 2020.

Sincerely,



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