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Subject: RE: Draft 2.1 of the "ICC Appendix C Existing Building Safety Guide."

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Mo and Tom,

I am writing to express my concern with the draft ICC appendix C Existing Building Safety Guide. At our last HRAC meeting, there was a great deal of concern that political pressure would result in a knee jerk reaction due to the tragedy in South Florida. The building collapse there was horrific and we should do the work to find out why that building failed, and take responsible action to preserve the safety of our citizens after we find out the facts. My concern is that we will recommend endorsing this document before we have done our homework.

We agreed to support a study at our last meeting to determine what processes and procedures are already in place in the State and to compare and contract those procedures. I believe that we need to complete that work before we make a recommendation to the Commission on this draft.

I am also concerned with a couple of technical issues regarding the significant differences between an inspection for fire alarm, electrical issues and the overall structural components of the building. These disciplines are significantly different.

Another issue is the burden on Building Departments. There are several places in the report that place responsibilities on the Building Official. I think that this is dangerous.

I believe that we need to move forward thoughtfully and carefully to make sure that we determine how best to address the potential issues without creating an overburdensome system that does not better protect the public.

Thanks,

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