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Hello Chairman Schock,

At the June Fire TAC meeting, after public testimony closed, a TAC member introduced a 2018 position statement from the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) that opposed some of the proposed changes to the 2018 International Building Code that added requirements for mass timber construction.

The 2018 position has been superseded by a November 2022 position.

As a matter of correcting the record and ensuring that the Commission has accurate information for its deliberations, I have attached the current position statement of NASFM which is supportive of mass timber construction, provided that it is code compliant.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Position Statement

Cross-Laminated Timber in the Construction of Tall-Wood Buildings

The use of approved mass timber in tall-wood building construction is of the highest concern to NASFM as we stand for the safety of citizens and firefighters. This identified material and construction type has most recently been evaluated in the model code community. Many facts have been discovered through independent research and testing that have validated this method as meeting the technical requirements of the codes.

NASFM encourages all stakeholders in the building design, construction and code enforcement industry, continue to be educated and informed so as to ensure that only code compliant construction is allowed in our communities. Further, research and data should be continually collected to aid in future code development.

The Board of Directors acknowledge the changes made in the model codes as it relates to allowing Cross-Laminated Timber in the Construction of Tall-Wood Buildings. Finally, it is the position of NASFM that only code compliant construction and features should be accepted by the authorities having jurisdiction as it relates to allowing occupancy.

This position was adopted by the NASFM Board of Directors on November 7, 2022