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Subject: 2015 IBC, 1107.6.2.2.1 Type A unit Building Code

Hello,

I understand that you are that you are in process of approving an amendment to the Washington state building code that will greatly reduce the availability of accessible housing. As a woman in a wheelchair, I cannot overestimate the stress and difficulty in finding an accessible apartment. If anything we should increase accessibility requirements in multi-family units. Decreasing the requirements to 2 percent will have lasting effects on the disabled community.

Section 1107.6 – Dwelling units and sleeping units - WAC 51-50-1107 strikes language that states “Type A units and Type B units shall be provided in Group R Occupancies in accordance with Sections 1107.6.1 through 1107.6.4. Accessible and Type A units **shall be apportioned among efficiency dwelling units, single bedroom units and multiple bedroom units, in proportion to the numbers of such units in the building.**” It’s imperative this language remains in the 2018 IBC code so that people who need wheelchair friendly housing have the same choices as non-disabled renters.

The **2015 IBC, 1107.6.2.2.1 Type A units**, states, “In Group R-2 occupancies containing more than 10 *dwelling units* or *sleeping units*, at least 5 percent, but not less than one, of the units shall be a *Type A unit*.” The **2018 IBC, 1107.3.2.2.1 type A units**, as proposed, states, “In Group R-2 occupancies containing more than 20 *dwelling units* or *sleeping units*, at least 2 percent, but not less than one, of the units shall be a *Type A unit*.”

Please take the disability community into consideration and revise this language.

Thank you
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