

Hello,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any code delay. There is no legitimate reason to delay the code updates, which have been well-considered already. I am saddened to hear all the industry trade groups unilaterally supporting delaying any code changes, conveniently using the COVID situation as an excuse. At the last public comment session, the HVAC trade group said there was some supply chain parts and pieces that were going to be hard to source, but which components, they weren't sure. Those types of problems are easily solved by suppliers, who are more than happy to make and sell components. Especially when they know that the code changes are coming on a predetermined timeline. As for the BIAW, who theoretically represents builders such as myself on this, I can offer a contrasting point of view.

I represent a company with 25 employees and 100's of subcontractors. We currently have 100+ apartment units under construction, and an HVAC contracting division with its own projects. We have been building at or beyond the 2018 energy code level for more than 5 years on many of our projects. We have not heard of any components that are hard to get. Suppliers I have spoken with tell me they will manufacture anything for which there is demand. We know how to execute these projects as do our subcontractors. We face a climate crisis that won't wait for more code delays, and the 2018 energy code moves us in the right direction benefitting owners, tenants, and contractors. Please don't delay this code update any longer. July 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 would be fine with us.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Thanks,  
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