



June 10, 2020

Dear Chair Glenn and Members of the State Building Code Council:

Shift Zero is an alliance of over 35 green building, energy efficiency, and climate action businesses, organizations, and certification programs, working together to promote the equitable adoption of zero carbon buildings at scale. Our broad base of knowledge makes us uniquely qualified to identify and advocate for policies that make buildings part of Washington's climate solution. A strong energy code is a critical tool in this effort. We are aware of a request to further delay the implementation of all new state building codes, and **we respectfully ask that you do not carry out this request.**

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We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a profound impact on the construction industry, and the Governor's office has engaged in productive conversations with the industry and created an ongoing plan to restart construction work in a healthy and safe way.

Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-40 moved implementation of Washington's updated building codes from July 2020 to November 2020 in order to give the state and impacted industries time to reschedule trainings and adjust to virtual trainings. These trainings are now underway through AIA, WABO, ICC, IAPMO, the NW Ecobuilding Guild, the WSU Energy Program, and others.

The updates to the building codes ensure that Washington's new residential and commercial buildings are built as safely, as efficiently, and as healthy as possible—which is important since these buildings and homes will be around for decades. These updates have been under development since 2018, and implementation should not be further delayed.

Without updating codes, the market has no reason to innovate and we fail to move forward on more sustainable and healthier buildings.

We appreciate your hard work and consideration.

Sincerely,
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