

Uniform Plumbing Code Testimony Summaries

Date Received	Testimony From	Proposal(s)	Position	Summary	Staff Recommendation
9/28/2022	UPC Todd Allred	21-GP2-057	Oppose	The TAG unanimously rejected AAV's as a matter of public health and safety. AAV's are not approved for use according to the UPC since they do not satisfy the code, which in the final analysis is merely a "minimum" standard. Washington Advisory Board of Plumbers unequivocally supports the TAG decision to reject AAV inclusion.	
10/5/2022	UPC Steve Smith	21-GP2-057	Oppose	The Air Admittance Valve (AAV) is a mechanical device used to protect the fixture trap seal. All mechanical devices are subject to failures. When these devices fail, they leak sewer gases into the house or space. This will be a significant problem of public health and safety.	
10/14/2022	UPC Andrews Mechanical	21-GP2-057	Oppose	Plumbing systems are designed excluding mechanical devices (which are prone to failure) to work forever. The model code provides methods for venting of all fixtures in new construction.	
9/30/2022	Larry Andrews Oral Testimony	21-GP2-057	Oppose	Plumbing systems are designed excluding mechanical devices (which are prone to failure) to work forever. The model code provides methods for venting of all fixtures in new construction.	

10/14/2022	Steve Simpson Oral Testimony	21-GP2-057	Oppose	AAV is not in the model code, proposal does not clarify intent of non-existent code section. AAV is mechanical and will fail eventually, releasing sewer gases into buildings.	
10/14/2022	Micah Chappell WABO TCDC Oral Testimony	21-GP2-057	Support	IPC includes AAVs therefore, Council should consider inclusion within an amendment to the UPC. Code Officials regularly get requests to allow usage of AAVs and this proposal would give officials a method to consider their use.	