



**Testimony on Intro. 1481**  
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On behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies of New York (ACEC New York), I'd like to thank Chair Cornegy and the members of the Committee for their efforts over the years to update the City's Construction Codes. I am here today to testify in support of Intro. 1481 which proposes revisions to update the New York City Plumbing Code.

Founded in New York City in 1921, ACEC New York is one of the oldest continuing organizations of professional consulting engineers in the U.S. We represent close to 300 consulting engineering and affiliate firms throughout New York State, with a concentrated presence in New York City. Our members plan and design the structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, civil, environmental, fire protection and technology systems for the City's buildings and infrastructure.

Over the years, hundreds of ACEC New York members have donated countless of hours chairing and/or serving on the Technical Committees convened by the Department of Buildings (DOB) to assist with revising the City's construction codes. The Technical Committees work closely with the DOB to address issues associated with the adoption of the International Plumbing Code for use in New York City. We thank the DOB for this high level of collaboration and for continually improving upon the process for updating the New York City Construction Codes based upon industry feedback.

During the current code revision cycle, 120 members of ACEC New York have been serving on the Technical and Managing Committees. The Plumbing Technical Committee that assisted the DOB in drafting the Plumbing Code revision being considered today is chaired by Phil Parisi of MG Engineering, who is also chair of ACEC New York's Plumbing Code Committee.

We applaud the work of the DOB's Plumbing Technical Committee and understand that it is a two-tier process with further review by a Managing Committee composed of representatives from all sectors of industry and government. The end result is a true consensus document.

Going forward, ACEC New York members will continue to work with the other DOB Technical Code Committees and the City Council to ensure that the updates reflect the on-the-ground issues encountered by our engineers, architects and builders every day as well as best practices for safety and sustainability.

We respectfully offer our support for this current round of amendments which reflect those objectives and urge the council to swiftly pass this bill.