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Dear James and Doug:

Thank you for the your response letter of March 24, 2021 regarding PCFs 1581 and 1582 on Grab Bars.

As an industry we would like to bring positive closure to this issue that has been debated and addressed for over a decade without a resolution but that we as an industry have only been informed in the last few years.

The Canadian Institute of Plumbing & Heating (CIPH) along with the Plumbing Manufacturers International (PMI) would like to propose an ad hoc task force be established outside of the NRC code process.

Our goal would be to come together to create a resolution that would meet the spirit and intent for improving safety and minimizing risk of injury while ensuring harmonization under the auspices of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement in preparation for the 2025 code editions.

The ad hoc task group would consist of:

The Chair of PTPACC;  
Thomas Ferguson representing NRC:  
CIPH;  
PMI;  
Canadian Home Builders Association (CHBA) ;  
Philip Rizcallah representing the Canadian Accessibility Standards Development Organization (CASDO);  
The Chair of the SC-HSB and the Chair of the SC-HP;  
Plus a provincial regulator

While respecting the NRC code process the findings of the ad hoc task group would be presented to the Commission.

Gentlemen, we believe this is a good approach to find a win/win while meeting the objectives that we believe will achieve everyone's goals.

Let us know what timing works best to begin this process.

Regards

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