

January 31, 2018

Ted Miltiades, Director
Construction Codes and Industrialized Buildings
Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Re: Proposed 2019 Georgia Building Energy Code

Dear Mr. Miltiades and Members of the State Code Advisory Committee:

I am writing to urge the Department of Community Affairs and the State Code Advisory Committee (SCAC) to move forward with adoption of the draft 2019 Georgia Energy Code that the Energy Task Force approved unanimously last year. The Energy Task Force, led by Joel Rodriguez, did an excellent job in reviewing the 2015 IECC and addressing everyone's legitimate concerns. Ample opportunity was provided to present code change proposals and counter proposals and to comment and offer information on those proposals. The Task Force members and outside interest groups devoted a great deal of time and effort in developing the final draft document, which is a fair compromise and enjoys broad support.

The Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association (PIMA) believes this compromise represents the best chance for advancing a cost-effective code that will result in important improvements to building energy efficiency and construction practices, especially in the area of commercial construction. After all of this work, it would be unfortunate if the SCAC and Department do not continue to move forward with the Task Force's work product within the current code cycle.

PIMA represents the North American rigid polyiso foam insulation board industry. Polyiso insulation products and the raw materials used to manufacture the products are produced in over 40 facilities across the United States and Canada, including Georgia.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer these comments.

Sincerely,



Justin Koscher
President