December 21, 2016

The Honorable Mike Pence
Governor of Indiana
200 W. Washington St., Rm. 206
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Governor Pence:

With respect, AIA Indiana encourages you to grant a one-year extension of the 2010 Indiana Energy Conservation Code by executive order, which would allow the Indiana Fire Prevention & Building Safety Commission the opportunity to adopt a new code in 2017.

The energy code sets a minimum standard for energy efficiency for buildings. Buildings constructed to meet a minimum standard through an energy code use less energy, which reduces utilities bills – and puts money back into individuals’ and companies’ pockets. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, energy cost savings for Indiana resulting from the state updating its commercial and residential building energy codes are estimated to be on the order of nearly $240 million annually by 2030.

Furthermore, with the uncertainty of long-term energy costs, an energy code better ensures the state is safeguarded against a potentially-devastating economic hardship should energy costs rise considerably. Also, buildings held to a standard by an energy code support utility grid reliability and support making utility bills more predictable.

Again, AIA Indiana encourages you to grant a one-year extension of the 2010 Indiana Energy Conservation Code by executive order. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jason Shelley
Executive Director