



AIA Indiana

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

Dear Governor Holcomb:

With respect, the Indiana Chapter of American Institute of Architects (AIA Indiana) encourages you to support the re-adoption of the 2010 Indiana Energy Conservation Code. Just last year Governor Pence, in one of his final acts in office, granted a 1-year extension of the 2010 Indiana Energy Conservation Code through Executive Order 16-08 in order to make the re-adoption of this code possible. Please note, Indiana would be the only state in the region (Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, and Michigan) without an energy code if it's not re-adopted.

The energy code sets a minimum standard for energy efficiency for buildings that ensures reduced energy usage and reduced utility bills – which 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 maintaining its commercial and residential building energy codes are estimated to be upwards of \$240 million annually by 2030. Considering 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.

Furthermore, as the expiration of the energy code would eliminate all requirements for buildings to be insulated; AIA Indiana is gravely concerned about the potential for health issues arising from moisture and mold, as well as potential fire hazards resulting from space heaters used to compensate for the uneven temperatures common to uninsulated buildings.

AIA Indiana considers our energy code to be a net benefit to Hoosiers economically, as well as a safeguard to the lives of Hoosiers everywhere, and again encourages you to support the re-adoption of the 2010 Indiana Energy Conservation Code. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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