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Ladies and gentlemen of IDHS staff and FPBS Commission, my comment is in regards to updating are IBC, IFC, IMC, IPC & IFGC codes. We also need to consider updating NFPA 13, 13R, 14, 20, 25 & 72 by utilization of reference standards chapter in the IFC. There has been discussion between the members of the commission the last several meetings for the desire to do such. I and many other local fire officials across Indiana agree with the commission members position on updating our family of Class 1 commercial codes. In reviewing ISO Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule of March 2019, Indiana currently is a Class 8 out of 10 classifications and ranks 49th out of 50 in the

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US for effective codes. In comparing the states around Indiana, Michigan is a Class 4, Ohio is a Class 4, Kentucky is a Class 5 and Illinois is a Class 6. Is this really where we want to be with our commercial codes. Additionally, I feel that by not updating/adopting our commercial codes that Indiana may run the risk of not receiving funding from FEMA under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program because we have not demonstrated increasing our hazard resilience by adopting or promoting disaster-resistant buildings. Thank you for your time. Randy Gulley, Fire Marshal, Wayne Township Fire Department

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