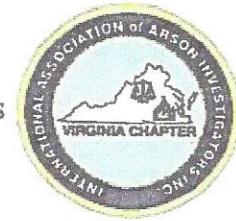




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The Honorable Maurice Jones
Secretary of Commerce and Trade
P.O. Box 1475
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Dear Secretary Jones:

The Virginia Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators is seeking your help in addressing an ongoing fire and life safety concern we have for the citizens and firefighters of the Commonwealth. We believe the development and adoption of the Uniform Statewide Building Code and the Statewide Fire Prevention Code has revealed significant issues with the composition of the Board of Housing, the process by which these codes are promulgated, and the lack of transparency and public input into the development of these important regulations in Virginia. We believe the current process is creating undue risk to Virginia residents and the firefighters sworn to protect them.

I am aware other fire service groups have enumerated problems and solutions in dealing with this issue and I will not present them to you again because our concerns are the same as others have stated so clearly.

As an organization that represents fire officials from across the Commonwealth, it is our hope that your office and the Governor will see the need to review the Code of Virginia and seek a better code development process to protect the lives and property of our citizens and firefighters. Our organization would welcome the opportunity to assist in that process.

Sincerely,

Dave Allen
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Adam Thiel