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Douglas County
Board of County Commissioners
Philip S. Miller Building
100 Third Street
Castle Rock, CO 80104

Dear Commissioners Laydon, Teal and Van Winkle:

On behalf of the Home Builders Association of Metro Denver (HBA), I am writing to express our support for Douglas County's upcoming adoption of the 2024 International Residential Code (IRC).

The HBA represents more than 500 homebuilders, developers, remodelers, architects, lenders, subcontractors, suppliers, and service providers across the eight-county metro Denver region. Within Douglas County, our membership includes many builders and developers who are actively contributing to the local housing market.

We appreciate the thoughtful and balanced approach Douglas County has taken in its code adoption process. In particular, we commend the County's decision to amend certain provisions to better align with the needs of future residents and the realities of residential construction. The exemption of fire sprinkler requirements for single-family homes, along with other practical modifications, reflects a clear understanding of the importance of maintaining housing attainability.

Housing affordability across the Front Range continues to face significant challenges. Elevated interest rates and sustained inflation have made homeownership increasingly difficult for many families. In this environment, it is critical that both the public and private sectors work together to avoid unnecessary cost increases wherever possible.

Given the current challenges facing both the residential construction industry and prospective homebuyers, we sincerely appreciate Douglas County's collaborative and pragmatic approach to the 2024 IRC. We also value the opportunity to participate in this process and provide input.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ted Leighty".

Ted Leighty
Chief Executive Officer
Home Builders Association of Metro Denver