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Memorandum

To: Pennsylvania General Assembly

From: Lou Biacchi, Director of Government Affairs

Subject: Excessive Codes – Other Voices

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While a diverse coalition of Pennsylvania organizations, including the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association, Modular Building Systems Association, NAHB Log Home Council of PA, Pennsylvania Residential Owners Association, Pennsylvania Apartment Association, and the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania, have come together to push for a rollback of the excessive 2009 construction codes, perhaps no voice is important as the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania. This organization of dozens of low-income housing advocates across the Commonwealth has for many years focused its priorities on those least fortunate of our citizens, the under housed and the homeless.

I encourage you to read the attached memo from Elizabeth Hersh, Executive Director of the Housing Alliance, regarding her views on this critically important subject.

Having the best engineered, most energy efficient and perfectly safe homes in the world are all laudable goals, but what good is achieving these goals if hard-working Pennsylvanians cannot afford to live in them?