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Dear Director Torgelson:

We understand that SDCI is considering a potential delay in the adoption of the 2018 codes as a result of the disruption caused by the Covid 19/coronavirus spread in the Seattle area.

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We appreciate your consideration and believe such a deferral would both help our industry and protect the public. As you know, architects and others are rushing projects to hit the June intakes and to vest the projects under the 2015 codes. This work is highly dependent on architects, subconsultants, and others being healthy and available to meet their obligations and submit documents on schedule – something that will be more difficult with offices transitioning to working from home and Seattle schools closing.

Deferring implementation would allow projects more flexibility to reschedule intakes if part of the team gets sick. We endorse a delay in adopting the 2018 codes and suggest that SDCI further help project teams by pushing out intake dates to accommodate delays.

In sum, we urge the city to discourage deadline-driven work that risks public health: more sick people showing up to work and further spread of the virus.

Thank you again for the work you and the city are doing to protect the public.

Respectfully,

Lisa Richmond
Executive Director

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President