



# Alliance for Regulatory Coordination

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Mr. Dave Ross, Secretary  
Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services  
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Dear Secretary Ross,

I am writing on behalf of the Alliance for Regulatory Coordination, a consortium of organizations involved in the design, construction and regulation of buildings in Wisconsin. We appreciate your service to Wisconsin and respectfully make the following request. As you consider operational and organizational aspects of the new Department of Safety and Professional Services, we ask that you keep the following outcomes in mind for the programs historically housed in the Division of Safety and Buildings.

**Maintain a high level of expertise among staff.**

The Safety and Buildings Division has an outstanding record of having staff with a high level of expertise in their assigned program areas. We encourage you to maintain the tradition of staffing the Division with experts in every program so designers, builders and regulators can obtain the guidance and services necessary for a safe and productive Wisconsin.

**Maintain capacity to provide timely services.**

Be it plan review, inspection, licensing or code development, the building design, construction and regulation segments of Wisconsin's economy, as well as building owners, rely on timely, high quality services from the department and its agents. Service delays cost your customers money. Such delays have a negative impact on the productivity of Wisconsin, thereby placing a drag on our economy.

**Continue utilization of citizen advisory councils for code development.**

Citizen and industry input during the code development process is critical to the development of reasonable regulations and to formation of the support necessary for promulgation. Regulations developed without citizen or industry input run the risk of negatively affecting both public safety and the Wisconsin economy.

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## **Keep up with national model codes and standards.**

Where Wisconsin administrative codes, such as the Commercial Building Code, are based on national codes and standards, it is important to conduct timely reviews of the new editions of such national models, normally issued every three years. Failure to do so can negatively impact both public safety and the economy in Wisconsin because products and designs offered across the nation most often reflect the newest national model regulations.

## **Keep lines of communication open.**

Communications between the department and its external customers is of paramount importance. To keep the wheels of Wisconsin's economy turning, and to keep our citizens and visitors safe, building designers, constructors and regulators need to know who they can contact and who is leading the programs that affect their daily operations. We encourage you to post staff changes and organizational information on the department's web site to facilitate the understanding necessary among your customers.

We thank you for your service to Wisconsin and hope that you accept our request in the positive spirit in which it is made. We stand by to provide our assistance to you and your staff as we strive towards our shared goal of a safe and prosperous Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Robert G. DuPont

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