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**STATEMENT OF KEN GEAR, CEO, LEADING BUILDERS OF AMERICA
ON THE ADOPTION OF THE 2024 IECC**

We understand the International Code Council (ICC) has concluded the 2024 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) development process.

At the outset, the ICC's Board of Directors established a revised scope for the residential portion of the 2024 IECC. During the development process, at the request of LBA and other stakeholders, ICC staff confirmed that the 2024 IECC's scope included electrification provisions. With those ground rules confirmed and understood, LBA participated in the process in good faith.

The development process worked well because it offered a forum that was conducive to achieving equitable compromises among diverse stakeholders, consistent with the ICC's stated policies. We worked through some challenging issues and eventually reached a consensus agreement.

The IECC's final balloting received affirmative votes from more than 90 percent of the IECC's Residential Consensus Committee with energy advocates, home builders, state and local officials, code officials and industry representatives joining LBA in support. Thanks to the fairness and stability of the development process, the committee's approved draft of the 2024 IECC balanced affordability with a 7% increase in efficiency and introduced decarbonization steps into the code.

Upon appeal, LBA, along with the diverse stakeholders, spoke in favor of the agreement and opposed attempts overturn various electrification provisions incorporated into the 2024 IECC. We are surprised and disappointed to learn that the ICC Board has voted after the fact to redefine the scope of the code. Its determination that electrification provisions are outside the scope is contrary to the clear understanding provided to Residential Consensus Committee members based on guidance we requested and received.

While we are reviewing the ICC Board's decision, we anxiously await guidance from the Board regarding the 2027 IECC development process and scope. We strongly encourage the board to preserve the consensus process and to adopt firm procedural guidelines that stakeholders can rely on as they negotiate in good faith.

LBA members remain committed to building homes that are efficient and affordable and that include cost-effective steps to further reduce the carbon footprint of new homes.

LBA is made up of 21 of the largest homebuilders in the nation. Our members build approximately 40% of all new homes in the United State including entry-level, move-up, luxury and 55+ and older communities.