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RE: HB 299

Dear Honorable Members of the Florida House and Senate:

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The Building Officials Association of Florida is a Professional Association comprised of over 1,800 members throughout the State of Florida who are held responsible to ensure property and life safety in the built environment. As a group we must respectfully express our opposition to House Bill 299, a bill which proposes to dramatically change the size and composition of the Florida Building Commission from 27 members to 11 members.

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We respectfully point out that the Commission has functioned effectively since its inception 18 years ago, developing the first statewide uniform building code in the nation, and comprehensively addressing safe construction standards for every type of building or structure built in the State for both private and public purposes. Through a consensus approval process, the Florida Building Code, among the strongest codes in the nation, has produced safe, energy efficient, and accessible buildings through reliance upon the special expertise of the various industry groups represented on the Commission. No other State board or commission has such a wide and diverse group of stakeholders lending their expertise to the building code development process. As a result of HB1021 2017 the Florida Building Code development process has significantly changed making the technical expertise of the Commission members more important than ever.

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