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**Subject:** Public hearing comments on AB 110 and AB 111

Committee on Housing and Real Estate members,

I'm forwarding this to you at the request of Robert DuPont.

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Mr. Bellin;

As Clerk of the Assembly Committee on Housing and Real Estate, please accept the following comments as public hearing testimony for the public hearing on AB 110 and AB 111, to be held on April 30, 2015, before the Assembly Committee on Housing and Real Estate.

Please inform all Committee Members of our comments and place them into the hearing record.

My name is Robert DuPont. I represent and lobby on behalf of the Alliance for Regulatory Coordination, a consortium of organizations involved in building design, construction and regulatory services in Wisconsin.

The Alliance for Regulatory Coordination supports Assembly Bill 110 because the proposed new council names are more distinguishing than the current names.

The Alliance for Regulatory Coordination offers information on Assembly Bill 111.

We support the overall goal of AB 111 to promote safety through inspection of renovations made to one- and two-family dwellings. However, we suggest that additional dialogue take place between interested parties; specifically between home builders and inspectors, relative to the triggers for such inspections. We suggest that consideration be given to additional triggers for inspection; such as when additional living space is created (sleeping areas in a basement for

example), or when significant structural reconstruction is needed following a catastrophic event such as fire or wind.

We have communicated our suggestion for dialogue to the Wisconsin Builders Association and they have indicated interest in such.

We thank Representative Jagler and Committee Members for this opportunity for input concerning AB 110 and AB 111.

I would be happy to answer any questions that may arise.

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# AIA Wisconsin

A Society of The American Institute of Architects



April 30, 2015

## Public Hearing – 2015 Assembly Bill 110 Assembly Committee on Housing and Real Estate

Committee Chair & Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on proposed legislation that would rename two state code councils. I am William Babcock, executive director of AIA Wisconsin, the state society of the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

The proposed legislation, 2015 Assembly Bill 110, to rename the Dwelling Code Council the Uniform Dwelling Code Council and the Building Code Council the Commercial Building Code Council makes sense. The new names would be more descriptive of the responsibilities of these two code councils and help avoid confusion with other councils.

AIA Wisconsin supports comprehensive, coordinated and contemporary state building codes that are developed by consensus, with the active participation of architects and allied design and construction industry professionals. Building codes are developed and enforced to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. The protection of public health, safety and welfare also is the reason architects are licensed in Wisconsin and every other state. Wisconsin is fortunate to have statewide building codes.

We do have a request. AIA Wisconsin members ask the sponsors of the proposed legislation and members of this committee to consider a simple amendment to clarify that at least one of the two members on the Commercial Building Code Council representing architects, engineers and designers is an architect. We respectfully request that section 15.407 (18) (a) 5. of the statutes be amended to read:

15.407 **(18)** (a) 5. Two members representing architects, engineers, and designers, each of whom is actively engaged in the design or evaluation of public buildings and buildings that are places of employment and at least one of whom is an architect.

Wisconsin architects are responsible for interpreting all aspects of the state commercial building code. As the building owner's "design professional" and "supervising professional" for many commercial building projects, architects often deal with code requirements on a more comprehensive basis than designers of engineering systems and most professional engineers who may only be responsible for the design of specific building components or individual systems. AIA Wisconsin believes it is important to have at least one architect on the Commercial Building Code Council.

The Wisconsin Society of Architects (d.b.a. "AIA Wisconsin") represents over 1,370 individual members, including architects in private practice, business, industry, government and education. Thank you for this opportunity to offer our comments and suggestions on 2015 Assembly Bill 110.

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