

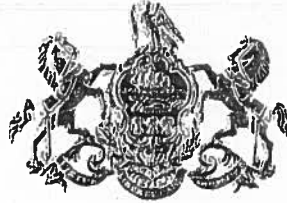
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## MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

From: Senator Jake Corman 

Date: January 26, 2011

RE: Co-sponsorship memo # 10 – Reforming the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act to reform the manner in which our state Uniform Construction Code (UCC) is adopted. The legislation will also remove the mandate requiring sprinkler installation in all one and two family new home construction that was adopted in the 2009 code.

As you may be aware, Act 45 of 1999 requires that the Department of Labor and Industry adopt the latest triennial International Construction Code (ICC) family of technical building codes by December 31 of the year they are issued. Act 45 also requires that the UCC Review and Advisory Council (RAC) evaluate the proposed ICC codes and recommend provisions that should be excluded to the Secretary of Labor & Industry.

My proposed legislation would reform the Code implementation process by eliminating the automatic adoption of the ICC every three years. Further, the RAC would engage in a more thorough and deliberative process, including public hearings in different parts of the Commonwealth and through the creation of a detailed report to be submitted to the Secretary of Labor and Industry. In turn, the Secretary of Labor and Industry would determine if changes in the Code should be proposed as regulation to be adopted after full review.

Highlighted by the adoption of the 2009 Code, I believe that the current process for implementing the ICC has not best served the citizens of Pennsylvania. As the Code process continues to put forth controversy and burdensome mandates, we need to alter the method of adoption to allow a more consensus based approach that ensures Code requirements best fit the Commonwealth.