



Pennsylvania
Developers' Council

August 22, 2023

Honorable Mike Sturla, Majority Chair
Housing and Community Development
Committee
House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
106 Irvis Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Honorable Richard Irvin, Minority Chair
Housing and Community Development
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House of Representatives
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106 Ryan Building
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RE: House Bill 694 - Pennsylvania Construction Code

Gentlemen:

I am writing today on behalf of the Pennsylvania Developers' Council (PDC) with respect to the legislation noted above, which we understand will be discussed during your August 30 hearing.

PDC's more than 60 members are involved in all aspects of the planning, development, financing, construction, and management of affordable rental housing, and in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency have created thousands of homes across the Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania Construction Code plays a major role in the responsible development of housing projects, and our members rely upon inspections being completed in a timely, transparent, and professional manner.

HB694 would require inspectors to be trained on issues of substantial importance to the successful completion of projects, and we are in favor of the professionalization of inspections that legislation such as HB694 supports.

We look forward to continuing to work with you to improve both the Construction Code and the environment in which affordable housing is developed.

Please let us know if you need more information from PDC on this or any other issue.

Sincerely,

Kyle F. Speece

Advocacy Committee Chair

CC:

PDC Board
Tim Scott
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