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Ms. Mary P. Burke
Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Commerce
201 West Washington Avenue
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Ms. Burke:

I write in support of the Department of Commerce adopting the 2006 NFPA 1 Unified Fire Code in Comm 14 to replace the current 2000 version. The Milwaukee Fire Department is focused on supporting life safety issues impacting both firefighters and the citizens we protect.

The use of NFPA 1 for the purpose of regulating the operations and maintenance of constructed buildings to support fire safety continues to be the appropriate policy to adopt. The Department of Commerce action to adopt NFPA 1 also enables local jurisdictions to have the ability to address specific or unique life safety issues based on the local "authority having jurisdiction" determination of any heightened safety concerns.

A recent concern raised by some agencies is the cost associated with acquiring new codebooks. It is my understanding that the NFPA has implemented a policy to provide these materials free of charge. I also am aware the NFPA will provide free training to personnel when this code is adopted.

Again, I support the adoption of the 2006 version of NFPA 1 Unified Fire Code as the model code established in Comm 14. Please contact me directly if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM WENTLANDT
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