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The Honorable Greg Abbott
Office of the Governor
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RE: Assistance to Texas Counties affected by Hurricane Harvey

Dear Governor Abbott,

On behalf of ICC's Board of Directors, staff, and members, please accept our condolences for the loss of life and property caused in numerous counties by the severe storms and flooding created by Hurricane Harvey. The International Code Council (ICC) stands ready to assist the State of Texas.

The Code Council's services are available to you, including activation of a vast volunteer network of disaster response building inspectors, upon request. We are also working closely with the Building Officials Association of Texas and their disaster response team of approximately 200 trained local government code officials in this regard.

ICC is a member-focused association and we are proud to count Texas and many of its local jurisdictions as our governmental members. Many Texas jurisdictions adopt the 2015 ICC International Residential and Building Codes which provide life-safety standards, including new provisions for natural disaster-resistant construction, but advocating for adoption of up-to-date codes is an ongoing effort. There are still areas that do not enforce current building and safety regulations. We continue to work collaboratively with our members and stakeholders in Texas to encourage all jurisdictions to adopt the most current model building codes. Please let me know how we may be of assistance in these counties.

If you would like more information or if ICC may be of assistance or service to your office, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 888-422-7233, ext. 5267 or our local Texas Government Relations Manager, Kelly Sadler, at 888-422-7233, ext. 5566, or (512) 827-6471.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dominic Sims", written in a cursive style.

Dominic Sims
Chief Executive Officer

Cc: Sara Yerkes, Senior Vice President, Government Relations