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Dear Indiana Building Commission,

We have deep concern for the safety of all people. We ask that you and the members of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission to please adopt the language of the 2018 International Residential Code, whole and intact, so as to help Indiana avoid preventable deaths caused by lack of carbon monoxide alarms.

I want to add my story. I obtained a carbon monoxide alarm a number of years ago but only because my father and brother told me it was a good idea. Not everyone has the advantage like I did of someone to advise me, so the rules mentioned above should be in place for everyone's protection. At one time I had an oven that wasn't burning gas properly but I didn't know it because the oven still heated up. The carbon monoxide detector went off though and I was able to turn the stove off and open the windows. The detector probably saved my life. This is an example of why the 2018 International Residential Code should be adopted for our state, in order to protect everyone.

Thank you,

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