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Justin,

My name is Amy Acton and I am the Executive Director of a national organization called the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors. I represent thousands of men, women and children across the United States who are burn survivors as well as family members, caregivers, burn care professionals, nurses, doctors, firefighters, fire chiefs and more who value fire safety. On behalf of the Phoenix Society and its hundreds of Indiana members, I strongly support the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's efforts to adopt the full 2018 IRC including all updated Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter (AFCI) requirements protection Indiana homes from electrical fires.

I join my organization in supporting programs and technologies that help prevent and protect against fires, including the 40,000+ electrical fires that occur annually causing injury and death. AFCIs are proven to protect residents from dangerous electrical arcing in damaged wiring within a home and helping to prevent devastating and deadly electrical fires. The effects of a burn injury are lifelong, and we support those who must walk that journey. The best treatment of a burn injury is preventing it in the first place, through fire prevention technology like AFCIs.

Updating Indiana's electrical code is long overdue and lags more than 10 years behind other states in electrical code requirements for new home building. House fire fatalities in Indiana are now among the highest in the Midwest, per the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association. I applaud you for deciding it is time to move Indiana forward in protecting your state's residents from electrical fires in the future. With that in mind, our organization would respectfully ask that you **adopt the 2018 IRC with full AFCI requirements** and put Indiana on the right path regarding proven fire prevention technology.

Sincerely,

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