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**Indiana  
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On:** R905.12 Ice barrier, R905.1.3 and table 301.2(1)

My name is Judd Haag, Vice President in charge of Operations at Bone Dry Roofing, Inc. We are one of the largest roofing contractors in the midwest, but started here in northwest Indianapolis. For over 30 years we have been providing the highest quality roofing systems and unparalleled customer service to the homeowners of central Indiana.

We have seen many examples of homeowners having to spend thousands of dollars to repair damages resulting from water damage caused by ice damming. Currently Indiana only requires Ice and Water barrier in a specific list of counties. In our experience, many of

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the counties on that list which do not require ice barrier, have just as much a chance of damage ice damming occurring as the ones that do require protection. Our customers that live in counties like Boone, Hendricks, Hamilton, Marion and Hancock to name a few have had many issues over the years with ice damming.

It is a very unfortunate conversation with a homeowner that is under warranty on their new home, but now has thousands of dollars worth of drywall damage because ice dams caused water to back up and into their home causing a leak. Not to mention an emergency service charge to get the water to stop pouring in, and a roofing repair charge to install the membrane that should have been installed in the first place. The cost to install the product at the time of a new roof install is but a fraction of the cost incurred by thousands every year to fix and repair damage caused by ice dams. Even so, many contractors will still install the roofing system without the protection since it is not required, and then leave the customer to deal with the mess.

The code language stating that it is only required in areas that have a history of ice backing up and creating damage is confusing and vague. We have clear evidence that the areas we live and work in have a history of ice damming, but since current building code designates less than half the state, we are caught in the middle between homeowners and insurance companies, homeowners and builders, and unfortunately homeowners and other contractors.

Please help the residents of Indiana and approve the update ice and water language submitted by Owens Corning.

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