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MEMORANDUM

To: Thomas Fleury, Chairman
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Stephen Calhoun, Secretary
Board for Housing and Community Development
Department of Housing and Community Development

From: Steven P. Jack
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Date: August 20, 2009

Subject: Letter of Assurance for Amendments to Uniform Statewide Building Code Regulations.

I have reviewed the Board for Housing and Community Development's proposed amendments to the Uniform Statewide Building Code Regulations, 13 VAC 5-63-10 *et seq.*, that were posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall Internet site on August 18, 2009. In my view, as counsel to the Board for Housing and Community Development, these regulations may be promulgated pursuant to §§ 36 – 98 and 36 – 99 of the *Code of Virginia*. The regulations do not appear to conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia, nor do they appear to conflict with any federal or state law currently in effect.

Further, adoption of the amendments to these regulations may be done pursuant to an exempt action, in accordance with §§ 2.2 – 4006(A)(13) and 36 – 100 of the *Code of Virginia*, provided the Board follows the alternative procedures required in those sections of the *Code of Virginia*.

This memorandum addresses legal matters only and is not intended to serve, nor should it be construed, as a comment for or against the merits of the proposed regulations.