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Commissioner Anne L. Head  
Department of Professional & Financial Regulation  
35 State House Station  
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RE: 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code Update

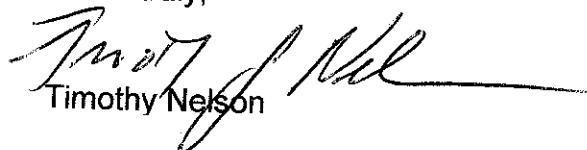
Dear Commissioner,

With the adoption of the 2009 UPC, the State of Maine has taken a step forward to provide up to date plumbing regulations to better protect its citizens. The Maine Building Officials and Inspectors Association support this effort and looks forward to working with the State staff and our licensed plumbers to move forward with a smooth transition.

Our concern with the process is the additional expense of the new code books and training materials that will be passed on to the already limited budgets of the Towns and Cities of the State. When the State last adopted the Code based on the 2000 UPC, code books were provided to each Local Plumbing Inspector. As you are aware, 25% of every Plumbing permit fee (both internal and external) is given to the State. Last year the State stopped supplying applications for internal plumbing permits, costing each municipality several hundred dollars a year in printing costs. Maine's Cities and Towns benefit greatly from the support provided by the State Plumbing Inspectors and look forward to the future and the new code, however, we believe that our monthly contribution to the State, by virtue of the fees generated entitle each LPI to a 2009 UPC book.

Our Board would like the opportunity to discuss this with you. Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,

  
Timothy Nelson