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MEMORANDUM

To: Kyle Flanders
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From: Justin I. Bell
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Date: January 15, 2021

Subject: Letter of Assurance for Update to the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code, 13 VAC 5-51.

I have reviewed the Board of Housing and Community Development's proposed Update to the Virginia Statewide Fire Prevention Code that were posted to the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall. In my view, as counsel to the Board of Housing and Community Development, the Board may propose these regulations pursuant to § 27-97 of the *Code of Virginia*. In addition, the Board's action is exempt from Article 2 of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq. of the Code of *Virginia*) pursuant to § 2.2-4006(A)(12).

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.