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On Behalf Of:

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I am Eric Sandoval. I represent myself, a citizen of the state of Oregon. I am employed by an architectural and engineering company as a code specialist for multiple codes and standards of care

While serving in a support function during the review of the existing statute modification, my role was to provide input on language clarity. The intent of the statutes was explained in the multiple meetings of the board. In this effort, my history of reading code and standards was helpful in modifying language to align with intent of the statutes. The previous history of determining multiple interpretations of the same language has led to diversity of interpretation and inclusion of many ideas within the codes and standards.

Understanding the intent of the statutes is important when providing an opinion on the language of the statutes. During consensus building, it was important to have history of other cases and how the decisions were rendered. These previous opinions were provided by legal experts in the statutes review. With this history, the opinion on revised language was rendered and re-reviewed.

These revised statutes provide for the health, safety and welfare in the built environment regarding buildings for the people of Oregon. With this charge, the support of this goal is continued through the decisions of the board for each practice of architecture.

Diversity, equity and inclusion means that each individual has free will. As this free will interfaces with others in the community the lowest common inclusion, equity and diversity provides for the health, safety and welfare of the people of Oregon.