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Dear Advisory Committee Member:

I want to thank those of you who attended and participated in the Standards Board (Board) advisory committee (committee) and roundtable discussion comparing California's residential fall protection trigger height standards with the trigger height requirements contained in Federal OSHA residential construction standards. Your attendance and contribution to the discussion are appreciated.

The meeting minutes are attached for your review. Stakeholders and the general public are provided with an opportunity to submit comments and/or additional information by January 8, 2016.

The committee generally agreed on the necessity for another committee meeting to discuss relevant statistical data points upon which to base potential Title 8 amendments and to make sure that regardless of the differences between California and Federal OSHA, the State's residential construction fall protection standards are at least, if not more, effective than those of Federal OSHA. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chair outlined the next steps in what is proposed to be an ongoing process to strengthen the Title 8 residential fall protection standards.

**The full Standards Board will consider the findings of the committee and engage in public discussion at the January 21, 2016, Board meeting in Costa Mesa.**

Highlights of the committee's general agreement are listed below (refer to the attached minutes for specific details):

- Consideration should be given to enhancing existing residential fall protection standards and the potential incorporation of new technology into those standards.
- Data points may be best identified and acquired with assistance of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health and the Department of Industrial Relations - to aid the committee in future deliberations and establish a basis for necessity for any amendments.
- Federal OSHA is welcomed and encouraged to continue attending future meetings and contributing to the committee's deliberations as an engaged part of the continuing committee dialog.

Please direct any comments or additional information to me by January 8, 2016. I can be reached at (916) 274-5725, or [mmanieri@dir.ca.gov](mailto:mmanieri@dir.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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