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Construction Industries Division
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RE: Supportive Comments Regarding Proposed Changes to 14.8.2 NMAC – 2015 NM Plumbing Code and 14.9.2 NMAC – 2015 NM Mechanical Code

Construction Industries Commission:

The Mechanical Contractors Association of New Mexico, Inc. (MCA of NM) and the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors Association of New Mexico (SMACNA of NM) appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to New Mexico's Plumbing (14.8.2) and Mechanical (14.9.2) Codes.

MCA / SMACNA of New Mexico strongly encourages the review and adoption of the 2021 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) and 2021 Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC).

For nearly five decades, the state has benefited from the innovative methods and materials, comprehensive installation guidelines, and advanced provisions in water efficiency, water reuse, and system performance that have resulted from adoption of the Uniform Codes as the foundation of its plumbing and mechanical regulations.

The UPC and UMC are developed using consensus-development procedures recognized by the American National Standard Institute (ANSI). ANSI's third-party oversight ensures due process, openness and balance, and brings together stakeholders representing a variety of viewpoints and interests.

The Uniform Plumbing Code and Uniform Mechanical Code maintains the necessary balance between prescriptive requirements and allowable



performance standards. Both codes maintain proven health and safety standards, while remaining current with innovative technology and methods. They are the most cost-effective, consistent, and easy-to-use codes available in the plumbing and mechanical industry.

The Uniform Codes prioritize the public's health, safety and welfare and will continue to serve the residents of New Mexico.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to 14.8.2 NMAC – 2015 NM Plumbing Code and 14.9.2 NMAC – 2015 NM Mechanical Code. Thank you for allowing the industry to provide feedback on the proposed changes.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. On behalf of our member companies and employees, we appreciate your consideration of our perspective on this issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ronda Gilliland-Lopez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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