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I support the code updates as currently drafted for the Electrical Code (SPS 316, CR 16-093) and the Commercial Building Code (SPS 361-366, CR 16-094), because I believe they strike the right balance between the modernization of both codes while not pricing Wisconsin families out of housing options.

Reasons for my support of the current draft of the Electrical Code include:

- The process followed for the review of the Electrical Code mirrors past review cycles, where Wisconsin looks to model codes as a guide but does not automatically accept each provision
- The Department of Safety and Professional Services (DPS), working with members of the Electrical Code Council, have done a good job to update the code and accepted 99% of the changes suggested from the 2014 and 2017 editions of the model code, according to the DPS analysis of the changes
- 2,300 changes to the code were reviewed and only 15, less than 1%, of the changes were not incorporated into the electrical code update as currently drafted
- These code changes move Wisconsin ahead of our neighbors Iowa, Michigan, and Minnesota, who all administer a statewide electrical code that currently references the 2014 model code
- The update as currently drafted moves the electrical code forward to protect the safety of Wisconsin families while not pricing them out of new housing options with an increased regulatory burden
- It is important to consider the cumulative effect of all the codes and regulations that are considered when building a home (electrical, uniform dwelling code, plumbing, and land development regulations) as to not price families out of housing options
- This code change package does not roll back current electrical code requirements and only chooses not to adopt a very small number of items

Reasons for my support of the current draft of the Commercial Building Code include:

- I support the Commercial Building Code as drafted because it strikes the right balance to modernize and update the code while not pricing Wisconsin families out of housing options

Additional points on keeping housing affordable for Wisconsin families:

- A 2016 report shows that 3820 families will be priced out of purchasing a new home when the price is increased by \$1000
- Another 2016 report shows that, on average, regulations imposed by government at all levels account for 24.3% of the final price of a new single-family home built for sale