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August 14, 2020

To: The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Re: Request for suspension of 2020 In-Service Training Requirement

Dear Governor Cuomo,

The membership of NYSBOC respectfully requests an Executive Order be considered for the suspension of the Code Enforcement and Building Safety Inspector year 2020 in-service training requirements as detailed in NYS 19 CRR-NY 1208-3.3.

To maintain certification, a Building Safety Inspector or a Code Enforcement Official must satisfy the in-service training requirements set forth in Title 19 of NYS Executive Law. In a 'normal' year, many of 18+ Chapters of the New York State Building Officials (NYSBOC) would hold multiple day educational conferences which would provide the 24 hours of in-service training for its membership. Due to the pandemic, the Chapters have been unable to host these educational conferences and a majority of the 5,000+ building Officials throughout New York State are in danger of having their certification revoked due to failure to complete the training requirement.

We take our role in protecting the public health and our essential duties as authorized in Executive Order 202.11 seriously. We hope that our efforts have limited the spread and severity of this crisis. It is with respect for your office and with understanding of the depths of this public health emergency that we make this request.

Sincerely,

Chris Jensen, PE MCP
President