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To the members of the Board, Directors, Chairs, and President.

I write to express my support to the Board of Directors, Chairs and President of ASTM International to explore the initiative to create a new global standard for tiny homes on wheels.

As a state representative to the New Hampshire House of Representatives I have been at the forefront of the effort to pass legislation relative to building codes for tiny homes. Standards for tiny homes on foundations as included in the 2018 IRC are very beneficial

and have been included in much of the legislation before the New Hampshire House and Senate. Our struggle is consistent with the struggles in state legislatures across the country: standards for tiny homes on wheels.

In New Hampshire, a study committee was formed in 2019 to review the issues creating comprehensive standards for tiny homes on wheels. Legislation from that committee was tabled by the full Senate in 2020. Legislation was filed again in 2021 but failed in House committee. After careful study and review, I co-sponsored yet another bill this year to advance building codes for tiny homes on wheels only to kill the bill myself in my own House committee due to defects in the proposed standards.

The people of New Hampshire are eager for ASTM International to help us and people across the country make tiny homes on wheels a viable option for affordable, safe home ownership. The standards set by ASTM International for tiny homes on wheels will conclusively settle issues such as:

- Definition of a tiny home on wheels;
- Standards for foundations for tiny homes on wheels;
- Settling whether a tiny home on wheels is personal property or real property;
- Certification for plan reviews, inspections, and registrations;
- Creating a global quality assurance program;
- Address utilities and wastewater.

Your efforts to address the issues surrounding tiny homes on wheels will level the playing field for builders, building officials, municipalities, legislators, inspectors and, most importantly, people who so desperately seek this type of affordable, safe home ownership.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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