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Dear Members of the New York State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council:

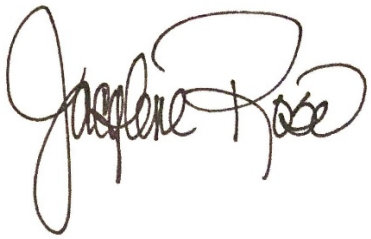
On behalf of the New York State Association of REALTORS® (NYSAR), a not-for-profit trade organization representing more than 60,000 of New York State's licensed real estate professionals, I write regarding the version of the 2024 Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code included in the March 19, 2025 edition of the New York State Register.

NYSAR thanks the Code Council for its thoughtful amendments to the original draft of the 2024 Residential Code of New York State (RCNYS) as it pertains to residential fire sprinklers. Given the state's ongoing housing supply and affordability crisis, NYSAR appreciates the removal of language that would have mandated the installation of fire sprinklers in all newly constructed 1-2 family residences. In removing the proposed residential sprinkler mandate, the Code Council would save buyers of newly constructed homes an estimated $20,000-$30,000.

I would reiterate that NYSAR is not opposed to fire sprinklers but believe that consumers should have the final say in any decision to install them. We support incentive-based solutions that have been introduced in the State Legislature, such as legislation that would provide a tax credit for the installation of fire sprinklers (S.1843).

NYSAR urges the Code Council to preserve the removal of the fire sprinkler mandate in the adopted version of the Uniform Code. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,



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