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The International Code Council (ICC) appreciates the work that FHA has done in revising the manual underwriting requirements to balance concerns about credit quality with the flexibility to allow emerging risk factors to be included in the calculations that determine what income level is necessary to assure that borrows can successfully repay a federally insured mortgage. One of those risk factors, which is reflected in Section IV of the

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outcome of code change proposals. This system of code development has provided the citizens of the U.S. the highest level of building safety in the world for more than 80 years. The ICC governmental consensus process meets the principles defined by the U.S. Standards Strategy of 2005 and 2010; the OMB Circular A 119, Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities (1998), as codified by Public Law 104 113, National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995.