**Letter Concept for Group C: Inspector Certification**

Subject: Support for Provisions that Require Qualified Individuals for Concrete Special Inspection

To Whom It May Concern:

[Opening Paragraph – Identify intent]

This letter is to recommend approval of provisions for concrete special inspector procedures and qualifications to the *International Building Code* as presented in the code change proposals submitted by the American Concrete Institute.

[Identify your firm or organization]

The XYX Association represents x number of individuals or entities involved in in concrete [design, construction, repair, etc.] or…

Our firm does [design, construction, etc.] for concrete buildings. The volume of work ranges between [dollars] or [square feet] annually and our work is being performed [nationally, list of states, etc.]

[State the problem and the need for change]

We find that it is increasingly more important to require qualified individuals because of significant changes in and increased complexities of mix designs, use of high strength and high-performance concrete, combined with improved engineering procedures that permit more economical use and sizing of concrete elements. Inspection and validation of products and materials needs to have a level of precision commensurate with the current design and construction requirements.

[Add comments related to costs]

In addition to appropriate quality assurance, qualified individuals are necessary to reduce the frequency of improper inspection services which can result in unnecessary direct costs and indirect costs associated with due to construction delays. [Elaborate and cite examples if possible.]

We have reviewed the code change proposal being submitted by ACI and have requested that ACI include this letter as a portion of their reason statement to demonstrate support for the code change proposal and recommend approval as submitted during the ICC Committee Action Hearings being held April 28 – May 8, 2019 in Albuquerque, NM.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,