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Florida Building Commission

c/o Mr. Mo Madani, Department of Business & Professional Regulation

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Dear Chair and Members of the Florida Building Commission,

I write today to respectfully urge the Florida Building Commission not to adopt NEC Tentative Interim Amendment (TIA) 23-9 into the 2026 Florida Building Code (FBC) as the sole option for all new commercial and residential swimming pool construction through the glitch/errata process.

During the 2026 Florida Legislative Session, the legislature rejected bill language that would have overturned previous decisions of this commission and forced the Commission to adopt the provisions of NEC TIA 23-9.

NEC TIA 23-9 eliminates single wire bonding as a deck bonding method for swimming pools and spas. Single wire bonding has been used effectively and safely in Florida for over 20 years. Recent scientific studies of the swimming pool equipotential bonding show that both single wire and grid bonding methods are effective at reducing voltage gradients in pools during a ground-fault incident.

Adoption of the provision of NEC TIA 23-9 as the only method for deck bonding discriminates against an effective construction method that has been shown effective in over 20 years of use in the field and by scientific testing.

It is for these reasons that the Florida Legislature rejected a proposal to exclusively mandate the provisions of NEC TIA 23-9. I ask that the Florida Building Commission do the same and stand on your previous decision not to incorporate NEC TIA 23-9 as the sole method for deck bonding into the 2026 Florida Building Code.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Gentry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Representative Richard Gentry

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