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Florida Building Commission
c/o Department of Business & Professional Regulation
2601 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Chair and Members of the Florida Building Commission,

I write today to respectfully urge the Florida Building Commission to expedite adoption of NEC Tentative Interim Amendment (TIA) 23-9 into the Florida Building Code (FBC) for all new commercial and residential swimming pool construction through the glitch/errata process.

As the sponsor of House Bill 405, which included similar language addressing electrical safety and equipotential bonding requirements for swimming pools, I remain committed to ensuring that Florida's Building Code reflects the most current and scientifically supported standards necessary to protect Floridians and visitors. The Commission's timely adoption of TIA 23-9 is essential to maintaining that commitment.

This proposed update meets the statutory requirement for glitch/errata, which allows adoption of an updated edition of the National Electrical Code when delay would cause undue hardship or threaten public health, safety, and welfare. In this case, delaying adoption of TIA 23-9 would do both.

TIA 23-9 addresses critical minimum safety requirements related to electric shock drowning (ESD). Failure to adopt this update leaves Florida pools governed by outdated bonding criteria that do not reflect current research or national safety standards. This poses a direct risk to the public.

Florida has one of the highest concentrations of residential and commercial pools in the nation, with year-round usage and unique environmental conditions. The current Florida Building Code does not incorporate the minimum safe ESD criteria established in the 2023 NEC and refined in TIA 23-9. Florida's pool environment warrants adoption of the most current protections. The proposed change directly supports the health, safety, and welfare of the general public by reducing the likelihood of electric shock drowning incidents.



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TIA 23-9 expands acceptable bonding materials—including approved steel wire mesh—reducing costs and avoiding discrimination against specific construction materials or methods.

Conclusion

For these reasons, and consistent with the intent of House Bill 405, I respectfully urge the Florida Building Commission to adopt NEC TIA 23-9 into the Florida Building Code, 9th Edition, effective December 31, 2026. This action is necessary to maintain Florida's leadership in electrical safety, align with national standards, and protect the public from preventable electric shock drowning hazards.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to the people of Florida. I stand ready to assist the Commission with any additional information or legislative context that may be helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Griff", written over a faint circular stamp.

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