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to	Senate Regulatory Reform Committee Members	from	Andy Schor, Assistant Director of State Affairs
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The Michigan Municipal League is in support of HB 4561 as passed by the House, which is being considered on Senate Regulatory Reform today.

Our membership has thoroughly reviewed this legislation. They believe that allowing the Bureau to have the option to extend the period as long as six years will create efficiencies and save money for communities. Currently, communities have to purchase new code books every three years, even when only minor changes are made. This is a waste of money as the major structure of the Code doesn't change much. The Code needs to be more flexible, and this bill accomplishes that goal.

Additionally, allowing for the period of review to be up to six years will ensure that the existing regulations have enough time to work. Consistently changing regulations, especially more technical amendments, results in confusion as well as higher costs.

While the issue of innovation has been raised and was an initial concern of League members with the introduced bill, the latest substitute seems to take care of those concerns as it provides the Bureau Director with the ability to revise the Code with amendments, additions, or deletions as the director determines appropriate.

The League asks the Senate Regulatory Reform Committee to report this bill as passed by the House of Representatives. I will be available to discuss this at any time at 517 256-3395 (cell phone) or by email at aschor@mml.org.