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Fire Marshal William Barnard  
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Dear Fire Marshal Barnard:

On behalf of the International Code Council Board of Directors and staff, we wish to acknowledge the celebration of your retirement from a long and distinguished career serving the residents of Maryland. You have served your community with honor and distinction.

We congratulate you for an illustrious career that leaves a legacy of passionate devotion and commitment to fire prevention and code administration. Your work to include residential fire sprinkler requirements in all new homes in each Maryland County is just one example of your achievements while serving as State Fire Marshal

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your tireless efforts representing the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) on the ICC Fire Service Membership Council (FSMC) Governing Committee. We also wish to recognize your leadership in messaging the relevance of current codes in ensuring the safety of first responders and the public in the built environment has been an inspiration for other fire marshals across the country. Your focus on the importance of fire prevention through model code development along with the adoption and administration of the latest codes at the state and local level will help save lives long after you retire.

The ICC Board of Directors and staff send you a heartfelt appreciation for your contributions to public safety, for your advocacy, vision and leadership. May your commitment and service be an inspiration and model for all in and out of the fire service.

Congratulations and best wishes to you and your family for a long and happy retirement.

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Dominic Sims, CBO  
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald E. Piester".

Ronald E. Piester, AIA  
President, ICC Board of Directors