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Dear Max,

On behalf of the International Code Council Board of Directors, our Members and staff, please accept our sincerest congratulations on your selection as the 2015 National Weatherperson of the Year!

We are keenly aware that your commitment and contributions to protecting the public from weather-related disasters have been a key priority for you during your career. Whether it was during your tenure as Director of the National Hurricane Center Director, as a U.S. Air Force weather forecaster or in your current role as chairman of the World Meteorological Organization's Regional Association IV, or writing in your popular blog, you have been an advocate for safety, including the role of building codes.

You have not been reluctant to point out the need for collaboration between the advocates of tougher building standards and land use rules. You have been widely quoted as saying, "What is lacking in the United States is the political will to make and impose hard decisions on building codes and land use in the face of resistance from the influential building industry and a public still willing to gamble that the big one will never hit."

As a result of your principles, you played a major role in warning and convincing the public and government about the risks of tragedy by continuing to build vulnerable homes in the tropical storm zone and failing to plan escape routes.

For those of us that know you as a leader in hurricane safety who recognizes the need for strong building codes to create resilient communities, this year February 5 will be extra special as National Weatherperson's Day is celebrated. While you have earned many accolades during your career this seems distinctive as it recognizes the hard working, continuous efforts and silent contributions of meteorologists and weather forecasters. You have been anything but silent and we appreciate that very much!

Sincerely,

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