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So, what's the plan for Tall Wood proponents?! If any of you have similar missives from **wood-based** associations that tell the positive Mass Timber story, please send to me to post.



Take Action - Keep the Public Safe from Tall Wood Buildings.

Dear Members and Friends of the Tilt-Up Concrete Association,

The TCA adds its voice to that of our industry partners at the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, Portland Cement Association, and others, urging you to take action on an important industry matter. While much advocacy is done on your behalf, there are times when individual voices are needed. This is one of them. Your industry associations are here to help guide you through the quick process of adding your voice to the discussion. Together, we are urging you to **tell the ICC to say NO to dangerous mass timber proposals** outlined below, before the July 16th public comment period closes. See the below call to action and visit PCA's [website](#) for more information and instructions on how you can help stop tall wood!

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The [International Code Council](#) soon will vote on [proposed code changes](#) that among other things would allow tall wood buildings to be built up to 18 stories, despite a lack of rigorous scientific or in-the-field fire and structural testing.

Now is the time to take action by urging the ICC to say no to these dangerous proposals that are up for a final vote which closes on Nov 27, 2018. Join the public hearing process to let your voices be heard. This highly combustible mass timber must be stopped!

TAKE ACTION – SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS OR ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARINGS!

- **SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Online public comments can be submitted by July 16, 2018 through the ICC's [cdpACCESS website](#). Click [here](#) for a printable set of detailed instructions and suggested talking points.
- **ATTEND THE PUBLIC HEARINGS:** The ICC [will hold public comment hearings](#) Oct 24-31 in Richmond, Va.

WHY SHOULD THESE TALL WOOD PROPOSALS FOR MASS TIMBER CONSTRUCTION BE STOPPED?

UNTESTED: Wood-industry funded tests performed in the U.S. and Canada were completely inadequate, failing to examine real-world structural risk factors, potential firefighting safety impacts from weather, and material-related risk factors to public health and safety.

UNPROVEN: While non-combustible concrete and steel have been used for centuries to build tall buildings and structures, mass timber products, like cross-laminated timber, are unknown and unproven construction materials.

UNSOUND: Common sense knows, and history shows, that TALL WOOD buildings are high-risk and dangerous to public health and safety when it comes to natural and man-made disasters like hurricanes and wildfires.

To download a full set of talking points, [click here](#).



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