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PARTICIPATION COMMENTS FOR THE NOTICE DATED MARCH 18, 2008
Written comments are to be sent to the above address.

WRITTEN COMMENT DEADLINE: MAY 12, 2008

Date: May 6, 2008

From: John Chrysler
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I/We ☒ (do) ☐ (do not) agree with:

The Agency proposed modifications As Submitted on Section No. 708.1

and request that this section or reference provision be recommended:

☒ Approved ☐ Disapproved ☐ Held for Further Study ☐ Approved as Amended

by the proposing state agency.

Suggested Revisions to the Text of the Regulations:

Reason: [The reason should be concise. If the request is for "Disapproval," "Further Study," or "Approve As Amend", identify at least one of the 9-point criteria (following) of Health and Safety Code §18930.]

Even though the Building, Fire, and Other Code Advisory Committee (CAC) voted to recommend disapproval of this proposed amendment, we support the CSFM's position that this amendment should be incorporated into the 2007 CBC based on the rationale provided in the Initial Statement of Reasons and as further modified in response the CAC recommendation for disapproval. This amendment will help to maintain the level of fire and life safety that was previously enjoyed under the 2001 California Building Code in buildings of these types of construction where all of the permanent partitions, which would obviously include tenant separation walls, were required to have a 1-hour fire-resistive rating. Providing these 1-hour fire partitions to separate individual enclosed tenant spaces will achieve better fire and life safety for the occupants of the building. They will protect not only the occupants themselves from a fire in their adjacent neighbor's tenant space, but also their property. And they provide an area from which the fire can be attacked and by which it can be contained by the responding fire department. This is especially important in buildings of these types of construction which are allowed to be larger and taller than the non-rated types of construction which have no built-in fire-resistive protection for the structural elements including the floors. These tenant separation walls will provide an enhanced degree of compartmentation commensurate with these types of construction which are intended to resist the spread of fire throughout the building by having built-in passive fire-resistive protection.