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Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien,
and the Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning, Kieran O'Donnell

REF: **Review of Part B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations.**

20TH April 2023

Dear Minister,

We wish to respectfully make the attached submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage with respect to the review of Part B (Fire Safety) of the Building Regulations.

We have consulted our member companies and technical experts in the area of fire safety. With this in mind we are keen to support the Department's goal to establish prevailing best practice with respect to fire safety in this jurisdiction.

Our primary concerns are set out in the submission. Some of these relate to proposals for significant change to both passive and active fire protection which will lead to major changes in the design of our buildings.

The industry is broadly supportive of the intent of the proposed changes however there are a number of fundamental proposals which we need further consultation on as they are presented without evidence-based rationale and an associated cost benefit analysis.

We would welcome a meeting with the Department during the next phase when there will be an analysis of submissions made.

Yours faithfully,



Sean Downey

Secretary – CIF Register of Builders, Building Regulations, Planning and Development Sub-Committee

