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Proposed Building Standard
Title 24 Part #: Part 2
Section #: Section 602.4.2.2.2 Exception 1 and 2
Proposing State Agency: SFM
This comment is intended for review during: 45-Day Comment Period

Your recommendation based on the criteria of Health and Safety Code Section 18930(a):
Approve as Amended

In support of your recommendation above, provide the rationale based on the criteria of Health and Safety Code Section 18930(a). If you recommend anything other than approve, cite the criteria in your comment. If you oppose a proposed building standard, offer a solution or alternative for the state agency to consider.

We suggest that exception 1 & 2 be limited to the fire area within a story. Fire area is established by the designer and can be the entire building. Some occupancies allow unlimited # of connected stories. The code change proponents at ICC only tested exposed wood walls/ceilings on one story and not multiple stories.

Exceptions: Unprotected portions of mass timber ceilings and walls complying with Section 602.4.2.2.4 and the following:
1. Unprotected portions of mass timber ceilings, including attached beams, shall be permitted and shall be limited to an area equal to 20% of the floor area in any dwelling unit or fire area within a story; or
2. Unprotected portions of mass timber walls, including attached columns, shall be permitted and shall be limited to an area equal to 40% of the floor area in any dwelling unit or fire area within a story; or

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