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Attention: Code Application Bulletin
National Association of State Fire Marshals
1319 F Street, NW, Suite 301
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to commend the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) for creating a thoughtful, open dialogue regarding pallet code enforcement matters on March 12. I would also like to thank Underwriters Laboratories for hosting this meeting at their facilities in Chicago. It is our view that the discussion was very useful to all participants.

CHEP USA looks forward to supporting the efforts of NASFM and the task group with regard to clarifying code issues associated with NFPA-13. Based on additional clarity and a consensus approach, we also support the aims of NASFM in developing definitive guidance and training programs for industry and enforcement officials. We fully agree with the comments recently filed by National Wooden Pallet Container Association, and support their role in representing the pallet industry as we move forward in resolving remaining issues.

I additionally thank Fire Marshal Shuman for his leadership throughout this process. We look forward to working with him and NASFM in the future.

Sincerely,



Kevin Shuba