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Colleagues:

I wanted to drop a note to introduce myself as the newly elected President of Oregon PHCC. My name is Steve Ferree and I'm the owner of Mr. Rooter Plumbing in Portland and SW Washington. It is an honor to serve this valuable Association.

I have also been the Past Chair for NFIB (National Federation of Independent Business) and Past Chair for the Small Business Advisory Council for the City of Portland. So, I want to be a voice for small businesses and our respective industries that Oregon PHCC represents.

I've been honored to serve with a number of Past Presidents and Board Members that have helped represent our industries at the local, state and national level -- and we should all give them many thanks for their time and commitment. I would like to personally thank Rick Charriere, our immediate Past President, for his work leading the association for the last two years.

It is Oregon PHCC's goal to grow our membership, and we are looking for individuals that want to help make a difference, by either improving our trades, or in how our businesses are regulated at the state and national level. We want to make it easier for all of us to do business in Oregon.

For example, Rick Charriere recently represented Oregon PHCC on the Plumbing Specialty Code Revision Committee at BCD. As an industry leader, he opposed an effort to add a new section to the Plumbing Specialty Code which would have limited the riser height for hydro mechanical and gravity grease interceptors. In the committee, Rick vocally opposed the proposed addition, which would have been the first in the nation. When the proposal moved forward to the Plumbing Board for consideration, we sent an email to our industry list asking for businesses to express their opposition to the board. As a result, the proposal did not move forward and was not adopted as part of the new Plumbing Specialty Code.

***Together, with one voice, we do make a difference.
That's why we need everyone to be a member and to be involved.***

Our Association has real clout at the Building Codes Division and in the Capitol Building with our Legislators. But the larger our membership, the more our influence will increase. Will you help us make a difference in making a positive change at both the state and national level?

One final note, in February of this year Darrell Fuller, our Executive Director, was able to renew the Continuing Education credits we provide for JPs at our monthly dinner meetings and during our state convention. If you haven't attended one of our meetings recently, I hope you'll join us and allow me to say "hi" in person.

Look forward to serving you ALL!

Sincerely,

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