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TO: The Construction Code Commission
FROM: Irvin J. Poke, Chief, Plan Review Division
SUBJECT: Interpretation Request

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I. J. Poke", written over the "FROM:" line of the letterhead.

Question: Is it the intent of section 512.7.3 to require barrier free access to every seating tier in an auditorium or lecture room?

Answer: No.

Commentary: Section 512.7.3 states in part that, "Interior barrier free routs...shall be provided to all levels of all building areas as required by section 512.1."

Section 512.1 states in part that, "Where required, the provisions of this rule shall apply..."

Section 512.13 specifically addresses seating accommodations and requires barrier free access to the barrier free seating positions (which are to be dispersed in accord with section 512.13.4) and raised performing areas only.

Given a long standing precedent of specific provision taking control over general provision, section 512.13 would govern the accessibility to seating accommodations in auditoriums and lecture rooms. Therefore, the absence of provisions within this section for access to each seating tier substantiates the intent not to require barrier free access to each seating tier.

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