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Plumbing Coalition for Public Health and Safety Supports Current Illinois Plumbing Code and Illinois Plumbing License Law

Springfield, Ill. (October 4, 2004) – In light of the formation of a state task force to study building codes in Illinois, the Plumbing Coalition for Public Health and Safety was formed to provide support for maintaining the current Illinois Plumbing Code and Illinois Plumbing License Law. The Plumbing Coalition is a statewide organization made up of concerned Illinois residents, plumbing associations and other plumbing professionals.

“Continually updated versions of the Illinois Plumbing Code and Illinois Plumbing License Law have protected residents of Illinois for more than a century. They are among the best in the nation,” said Bev Potts of the Coalition. “Our code and law have done such a good job that most people in Illinois take a safe water supply for granted, and you rarely hear of any problems with water or plumbing.”

The Illinois Plumbing Code prescribes how plumbing is to be designed, installed and maintained in dwellings, commercial buildings and all other public structures and provides guidelines for enforcement and consumer recourse. The Illinois Plumbing License Law establishes the rules for training, testing and licensing of plumbers and apprentice plumbers.

In June, the Illinois House of Representatives formed the Task Force on a Uniform Building Code to study building codes in Illinois. The task force will make recommendations to the Illinois General Assembly and the governor by Jan. 31, 2005.

“The Plumbing Coalition for Public Health and Safety believes that it is vital, regardless of the overall recommendations, that the Illinois Plumbing Code remain intact. Our code is stringent, our standards high and our water safe,” said Potts.

For more information about the Plumbing Coalition for Public Health and Safety and the Illinois Plumbing Code and Illinois Plumbing License Law, visit the Coalition’s website at www.plumbingcoalition.org or phone 800-795-7422.

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