Fires of combustible materials are reducing apartment buildings to ashes and putting lives at risk. The recent spate of fires in low- and mid-rise structures throughout the country is raising questions and concerns about the safety of wood-built buildings. It’s clear that codes and inspections are failing to keep residents and communities safe. It’s time for builders, contractors, developers, first responders and residents to come together to create new solutions that embrace non-combustible materials like steel and concrete.

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AMERICA IS BURNING

ALASKA:
Anchorage, Alaska - 2.16.17
Former hotel-turned-apartment building was destroyed by fire.

ARIZONA:
Gilbert, AZ - 4.23.16
A “monster” five-alarm fire destroyed wood-framed apartment buildings under construction.
http://bit.ly/2n95OP
Mesa, AZ - 8.2.16
A hotel under construction was destroyed by a second-alarm fire that could be seen for miles. It also caused damage to a nearby hotel.
http://bit.ly/2qoQ46v
Phoenix, AZ - 3.18.16
Three-alarm fire consumed a 3-story elder care facility. The estimated cost of damage could be around $7 million.
http://bit.ly/2mReRhY

CALIFORNIA:
Los Angeles, CA - 12.8.14
A massive fire engulfed a residential tower project.
http://bit.ly/2m1EGyq
Oakland, CA - 3.27.16
Three people died after a massive blaze ignited inside an Oakland apartment building.
http://bit.ly/2q7GxTd
Oakland, CA - 12.3.16
36 people were killed after ignited wood pallets burned down a warehouse.
http://bayareane.ws/2nLW2yC

FLORIDA:
Tampa, FL - 4.28.17
A 2-alarm fire spread in an apartment building in Tampa, Florida. This was the second-large fire, in recent months, to tear through the wood-framed buildings inside the complex.

GEORGIA:
Evans, GA - 6.2.15
Marshall Square Retirement Resort, a fully occupied retirement complex was destroyed. One elderly woman died in the fire.
http://bit.ly/1K8e8Pu

KANSAS:
Overlands Park, KS - 3.20.17
A fire tore through a wood-framed apartment building near the City Place Apartments and damaged 22 nearby homes.

LOUISIANA:
Hollywood, LA - 4.12.17
30 people, including 18 children, lost their homes in a two-alarm fire of a wood-framed apartment complex.
http://bit.ly/2pfbl8B

MAIN EAST
Biddeford, ME - 4.17.17
A fire spread in a 2 story, wood-framed apartment building that was constructed in 1800. Firefighters were able to control the fire before any residents were injured.
Sandy River Plantation, ME - 2.7.17
A large fire engulfed a condominium building drawing emergency crews from throughout the county.
bit.ly/2mEAUUb

MASSACHUSETTS:
Northampton, MA - 8.16.16
Fire destroyed a 22-unit apartment building. A nearby dormitory was also affected but was saved because of a fire bell that separated the two buildings.
http://bit.ly/2qQ1D9E
Cambridge, MA - 12.4.16
Authorities demolished 15 buildings in danger of collapse following a devastating fire in Cambridge.

MICHIGAN:
Manistee, MI - 1.17.16
A fire destroyed a 3-story, wood-framed building in downtown Bear Lake. The fire also damaged several other buildings in the area, including one that collapsed completely.
Detroit, MI - 3.18.16
Five people died in a warehouse fire.
http://en.freenomp.com/2odzCq7

MICHIGAN:
Lanham, MD - 1.17.16
A massive fire destroyed the new Avalon Cedar Park complex.
http://bit.ly/2nQ55w5
Edgewood, NJ - 1.21.17
A massive fire destroyed the new Avalon Edgewater apartment complex displacing over 1,000 people, with no residents.

MARYLAND:
Rockville, MD - 4.1.17
A massive fire destroyed a vacant hotel, gutted three houses and damaged two condominium complexes. The hotel blaze spread to seven other structures.
http://bit.ly/2w0zVox

MASSACHUSETTS:
College Park, MD - 4.24.17
The University of Maryland campus was closed due to a five-alarm fire that spread through a wood-framed apartment complex.

MARYLAND:
Baltimore, MD - 1.12.17
One of the city’s deadliest fires in recent history engulfed a wood-built single family home. Six children perished.
http://bsusn.md/2jmJSvZ

NEW JERSEY:
Woodbridge, NJ - 2.4.17
A six-alarm fire destroyed over 100 units in a newly constructed wood-frame apartment complex.

NEW YORK:
New Rochelle, NY - 8.22.15
A massive fire destroyed a “significant” portion of an apartment building with residents.
http://cli.in/2rHDHqF

OHIO:
Cincinnati, OH - 2.12.17
A three-alarm fire destroyed a “significant” portion of an apartment building with residents.

OREGON:
Portland, OR - 8.8.13
Five-alarm fire destroyed a four-story wood-frame apartment building under construction. It took 135 firefighters and 1.5 million gallons of water to fight the fire.
http://bit.ly/1LPSqV3

OKLAHOMA:
Broken Arrow, OK - 1.20.16
A massive fire destroyed a vacant apartment complex.

PENNSYLVANIA:
Conshohocken, PA - 8.08
A massive structure fire at Highland Hotel. The building is a total loss.
http://bit.ly/2n2P2Zs

TEXAS:
Houston, TX - 3.26.16
A five-alarm fire destroyed an apartment building under construction in Montrose. Nearly 200 firefighters responded to the fire.
http://bit.ly/1Poa1U4
Las Colinas, TX - 2.6.16
Eight families were left homeless after their apartment building went up in flames.
http://bit.ly/2ZoTeoL
Dallas, TX - 3.17
The four-story Preston Place condos went up in flames in a seven-alarm fire. Crews were continuing to extinguish hot spots five days later. An 89-year-old woman died in the fire.
http://bit.ly/2gT7Cf

WASHINGTON:
Lynnwood, WA - 2.19.17
Two firefighters were injured battling a fire at an apartment complex project, leaving it completely destroyed.

WISCONSIN:
Madison, Wisconsin - 8.8.14
Fire destroys wood-frame four-story apartment building. Falling debris caused spot fires across the interstate.
http://bit.ly/2Qw5dL

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