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## **USA Sprinkler Fitters Association joins with the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors To Attend IRC Hearings in Baltimore**

The USA Sprinkler Fitters Association will join forces with the Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors at the upcoming International Residential Code (IRC) Hearings in Baltimore to fight the national homebuilder association and others who oppose sensible fire and life safety. The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors is a leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering anyone affected by a burn injury through peer support, education, and advocacy. For more than 30 years the Society has partnered with survivors, families, healthcare professionals, burn centers and the fire industry to support recovery, improve the quality of burn care and prevent burn injury.

The IRC hearings will be held this October 28th-30th in Baltimore, in an attempt to remove life safety fire sprinklers from the IRC, which make our homes safe, opponents are expected to show up in force. Fire sprinklers are a time-proven method of protecting our families from the catastrophic affects caused by fire. Homebuilders and others who are fighting against the requirement for fire sprinklers in single-family homes, which would take effect January 1, 2011, show their lack of concern for the safety of consumers by attacking this important fire safety feature.

Fire leaves behind complete devastation. It kills, injures, and simply destroys lives. The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors support burn survivors and their families with recovery, and it supports preventive methods like fire sprinklers that will prevent burn injuries and death caused by fire.

Sprinkler fitters, burn survivors, and others will be in Baltimore to prevent them from taking measures that will hurt our families. Join us in Baltimore to protect the public from the catastrophic result of fire, and join us in quashing any attempt to remove fire sprinklers from our building codes.

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