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Michael Guigli, Technical Director
Board of Building Regulations and Standards
One Ashburton Place – Room 1301
Boston, MA 02108

RE: Stretch Sprinkler Code

Mr. Guigli:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Stretch Sprinkler Code proposal currently being considered by the Board and Building Regulations and Standards (BBRS).

The proposed code would add significant costs to the construction of every new one and two family home in the Commonwealth. The added expense will make home ownership even less affordable to first-time homebuyers. This is an unnecessary and untimely burden given the diminished returns on public safety and the economic housing and employment crisis in Massachusetts.

This can only encourage other stretch provisions, further reducing uniformity and bringing us closer to a fragmented regulatory process.

Mandating sprinklers would be a disservice to consumers, the building community, the regulatory community and code enforcement professionals of the Commonwealth. I strongly urge the BBRS to reject the Stretch Sprinkler Code proposal.

Sincerely,


Jeff Whitmore