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**From:** Alex Hershey <axhershey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 7 March 2022 10:46 PM  
**To:** STRETCHCODE (ENE)  
**Subject:** Stretch Code Straw Proposal Comments

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Dear Department of Energy Resources staff:

I'm writing to urge you to rewrite the stretch code draft to create a truly net zero building code option.

Given the urgency of the situation -- and the clarity with which scientists have said that humanity must drastically and quickly reduce fossil fuel consumption -- municipalities should absolutely have the option to adopt a stretch code that bars further installation of fossil fuel heating systems.

Elected leaders in my city would like to require that new buildings be all-electric. They -- empowered by the citizens who elected them -- should be allowed to do so. This is best done by opting-in to a stretch building code that is designed for the immediate challenge of climate change -- one that guides our built environment away from fossil fuel usage.

Respectfully,

Alex Hershey  
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**From:** Kathleen Sullivan <kmariesullivan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2022 9:41 AM  
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Kathleen Sullivan  
5A South Commons  
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**From:** Min Ma <minma24@gmail.com>  
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**From:** Terry Myers Coney <terrypaints@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2022 10:13 AM  
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**From:** mary steck <steckstudio@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2022 10:34 AM  
**To:** STRETCHCODE (ENE)  
**Subject:** woefully insufficient

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Mary Stechschulte  
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**From:** Constance Lewis <conlewis1000@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2022 10:34 AM  
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**NOTE:** This is identical to Kathleen Sullivan's comment because I agree with her 100% and haven't got time to write my own.

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**From:** Carol DiGianni <cdigianni@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2022 11:31 AM  
**To:** STRETCHCODE (ENE)  
**Subject:** Climate

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**From:** RAandBOB <raandbob@earthlink.net>  
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**To:** STRETCHCODE (ENE)  
**Subject:** Support for stricter stretch energy code

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Dear Department of Energy Resources Staff:

Ruth Ann Hendrickson  
(She, her, hers)  
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**From:** Carol M. Winkler <winkler.carol35@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2022 11:40 AM  
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**From:** Janet Smith <Janet@edscapeconsulting.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2022 12:07 PM  
**To:** STRETCHCODE (ENE)  
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Ethan Bolker  
regular voter in Newton, MA

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**From:** Ann Budner <arbudner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2022 1:48 PM  
**To:** STRETCHCODE (ENE)  
**Subject:** Comment on Stretch Code Proposal

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Thanks,

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**From:** Cynthia E. Bencal <cebencal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 March 2022 4:17 PM  
**To:** STRETCHCODE (ENE)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Due by 5 pm today (Friday 3/18): Please comment on important climate policy issue

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