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Commissioner Patrick Woodcock
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Dear Commissioner Woodcock,

Thank you for your hard work in implementing the 2021 Climate Roadmap Law, and for the opportunity to submit public input on the Stretch Energy Code, one of the 2021 law's most important provisions.

The climate cannot afford to wait any longer for fossil-free construction. Any structure built today with gas or oil systems will need to be retrofitted before 2050 if we're going to meet our statewide net-zero goal, at great future expense.

Please do not kick this can down the road any further. Add a provision to your new building code that allows a city or town to require fossil-fuel free construction. Our most forward-thinking cities and towns are demanding it, and I stand with them.

I am a residential Architect, and I constantly see clients wishing they could easily convert to fossil-fuel-free HVAC equipment, and better building envelopes, when doing additions and renovations. But it is almost always cost-prohibitive. Please don't let people build NEW houses that will put people in this position later!

We need to force the market to turn, and can't wait for it to self-adjust. Builders can still make plenty of profit while saving the planet for future generations, and for us today. We're already feeling and seeing the effects of climate change! Please allow local governments to demand that new construction be truly sustainable! Thank you.

Sincerely,

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