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To Massachusetts Department of Energy,

On behalf of the South Shore Citizens Climate Lobby I wish to thank you for proposing a progressive new Building Energy Code for the State of Massachusetts. Undoubtedly, this Code is a step in the right direction to Massachusetts Net-zero decarbonization plan.

However, we are concerned with the apparent contradiction between the Code's optional solarized structures and the 2 mandatory solar bills, being currently discussed by the state legislators. House bill H.2895 and Senate bill S.1995 bills propose to mandate all new construction to be equipped with solar systems. If these bills are passed they would negate the optional solar currently proposed by the Stretch Code.

Therefore, I suggest that, in anticipation of the State's mandatory solar law, this Stretch Code creates a mandatory solar chapter for the new large commercial construction. This requirement would be similar to the Town of Watertown's bylaw and the City of Medford's ordinance, that were legislated in 2018 and 2019, respectively. Also, a similar citizens petition was proposed in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

As you can see from the attached, these legislations require all new commercial structures above 10,000 s.f. and 10 residential units to be equipped with solar systems. If the new Energy Stretch Code creates such a requirement, it will at least partially agree with the potential mandatory state legislation. If the Code does not do that, then its current optional solar proposal will be obsolete.

Also, on behalf of the South Shore chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby, I concur with the statement that was submitted to you by Steven Wenner of the South Shore Node of 350 Mass, to remove the fossil fuel option of residential space heating from the proposed Stretch Code. If we have to subsidize developers with our taxes, then we can tell them to stop polluting air and water with poisonous gases that emanate from burning fossil fuels.

Respectfully submitted,

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