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I am aghast at the evidence of the climate crisis that confronts us every day: heat waves, flooding, droughts, intense storms. I fear for the futures of my children and grandchildren if we do not eliminate fossil fuel usage and adopt on-site solar energy as quickly and widely as possible. I am writing to urge DOER to broaden the requirements for use of solar energy and develop a true Net Zero voluntary stretch energy code.

A true net zero building must be highly energy efficient, all-electric, and if feasible, incorporate both on-site solar energy and use of off-site renewable energy.

The revised draft of the specialized stretch code needs to clarify and expand on-site solar generation. This code provision must apply to all buildings - not just those heated by fossil fuels- and require on-site solar panels in proportion to gross square feet relative to the extent of available solar access.

I strongly urge DOER to include provisions requiring solar energy access or on-site generation for all building types. Also please require on-site solar panels in proportion to gross square feet relative to the extent of available solar access.

Sincerely,

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