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Dear DOER,

I attended the public comment meeting in Westborough about the net zero stretch code on Friday, July 22nd as an interested citizen.

After listening to the discussion, I have several suggestions:

-- I agree with most speakers that there should NOT be a fossil fuel pathway in the stretch code -- even with the argument that propane might be developing a biofuel substitute, it does not have one now. And this is an opt-in code -- not all communities will opt in, but those that do should be able to eliminate the fossil fuel pathway. "Electrify everything" is our best path out of the fossil fuel mess we have gotten ourselves into.

-- And the deadlines for implementation should be sooner, not later. There is no reason to delay. In fact, the need is ever more urgent. Every week the codes are delayed more construction goes up that has already outdated sources of cooling and heating. As the planet burns, floods, heats, and dries, we need to act now -- we should have acted yesterday, but now will have to do.

Sincerely yours,
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