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To the key authors of the new stretch code:

There is a great deal that I like in the work that has been done on the revision of the stretch codes at the various levels. In addition to what is in the current version, I would like any municipality to be free to require all new buildings and major retrofits to be all-electric (rather than just electric ready). I realize there may need to be very limited exceptions for certain types of buildings, but believe even those exceptions should be tailored to reduce the amount of fossil fuel usage permitted.

My rationale is that we need to start now with new buildings (and significant retrofits) because there are so many older buildings that are going to need updating at major expense that we can't afford to have these buildings also needing an upgrade down the road. It is so much less expensive to build all-electric than to include gas piping as well as being electric-ready. I realize that many municipalities will not opt to go in this direction but those that are willing to do so should be allowed to take that step. Any developer who complains needs to learn how to adjust to the new normal which will be required statewide before long.

Thank you for all the work you have done in this revision and for taking the time to listen to additional suggestions. I hope you will adjust the code this much to give Massachusetts a little more of an advantage in the long transition to all-electric.

Sincerely,

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