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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Specialized Stretch Code. The current draft allows continued use of fossil fuels in new construction and major renovations. This is inconsistent with a building code whose purpose is to accelerate Massachusetts's transition to renewable energy.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has warned that the earth has entered "code red" for avoiding unimaginable climate catastrophe. Efforts to protect a sustainable earth require rapidly decarbonizing the global economy, including Massachusetts's.

The Specialized Stretch Code currently lacks the vision and ambition demanded by legislative intent, the Commonwealth's climate goals, and the desires of voters in ten opt-in communities ready to pilot building electrification in new construction and major renovations.

Time is short for preserving a livable planet and for achieving Massachusetts's climate goals. I urge DOER to join with state legislators and communities by truly addressing carbon pollution in the Specialized Stretch Code.

Sincerely, Hale Smith

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