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Dear Commissioner Woodcock, Secretary Card, and Secretary Kennealy,

As a resident, taxpayer, and voter in Massachusetts, I am writing today to comment on the opt-in Specialized Stretch Energy Code.

I have been following the development of this new stretch code with interest, because I recognize its potential for protecting residents from poor air pollution today and safeguarding our Commonwealth from the worst impacts of climate change in the future.

I ask that the DOER **eliminate all pathways in the Specialized Stretch Energy Code that allow for the installation of new fossil fuel appliances**, such as fossil fuel furnaces, water heaters, dryers, ovens, and stoves, in new construction and significant renovations.

An all-electric, fossil fuel-free opt-in code is an essential tool for reducing emissions and meeting our climate goals. Climate change is a threat to our coastal communities, our agricultural producers, our ecological systems, and so much more. We must start building housing and other buildings that will free us from our reliance on fossil fuels.

My family converted our home (originally built in 1975) to all-electric systems in 2018. We are extremely satisfied with the performance of our air-source heat pumps, heat-pump water heater, induction stove, and efficient electric clothes dryer. The technology we need to build comfortable, cost-effective, sustainable buildings is mature and ready to be deployed.

It is time to muster the political will to move the building sector into the 21st century.

Sincerely,

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