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Dear DOER s—You are DOERS!

First let me say there is much that is positive in the proposal. In general the changes and updating are realistic and not over reach especially related to HERS and recommendations such as 20% for multi-family garage electrification for EV's. Bringing up altered walls to prescriptive codes makes sense while excluding historic buildings from being overly rule driven is the right idea.

I also believe that the proposal for opt ing for specialized codes to require a vote by municipality makes sense .

Finally many of the provisions are well aligned with 2050 Roadmap—which should be your guidepost for these proposals.

One thing that could be better aligned is **specialized stretch energy code that aligns better with the state's 2030/2050 emissions targets**. We urge DOER to begin this by correcting their previously conducted cost studies to reflect current gas and electricity prices and add significant cost premiums for retrofitting fossil-fuel heated buildings.

Also there is much slippage that could occur for the less than 1000Sq ft renovations of residents and perhaps lower threshold for commercial to 5000. We have no time to wait.

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

Thank you for Your considerations and for holding the line on keeping many and adding a few items to begin to chip away at the climate crisis.

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