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To The DOER:

Residential and commercial buildings are responsible for almost 40 percent of carbon dioxide emissions. Immediate and thorough action is necessary to reduce these emissions in order for Massachusetts to reach its 2030 reduction goal. We don't have time for half measures. New buildings should be all-electric and energy efficient, but the revised draft of the specialized stretch code still allows fossil fueled buildings. These buildings will eventually need to be retrofitted with electrified heating at greater expense than if it had been installed during the original construction. The DOER must eliminate the fossil fuel pathway in the current draft of the specialized opt-in code. A **true** net zero building code does not allow for on-site combustion of fossil fuels.

Sincerely,  
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