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I was a member of the Lexington Select Board when the Town adopted the original stretch code. Since then, I have also witnessed subsequent versions of the code fail to keep pace with technology.

The 2022 proposed version of the stretch code is indeed “stretchy”, and I applaud the inclusion in the stretch code of major renovations and the electrification requirements for non-residential commercial buildings and the partial electrification requirement for lab buildings.

My concern is with elements missing from the opt-in specialized code which does not provide a fossil fuel free pathway for all residential construction. The technology is available; your own modeling indicates heat pump installation is cost-effective. Continued dependence on fossil fuels obligates homeowners to expensive retrofits within the lifetime of their heating system to achieve 2050 emission requirements. Furthermore, continued use of fossil fuels undermines the effectiveness of affordable housing by stranding tenants with excessive energy bills.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeanne Krieger