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TO Whom It may Concern;

I am writing as a citizen and most importantly as a grandfather to request that you strengthen the draft Net-Zero Stretch Code in the interest of all current and future living things on this planet. As a retired building engineer, I understand the importance of the Code in setting high standards of building efficiency and materials requirements that minimize the embedded carbon in the construction materials & techniques. We have a 1-time opportunity to positively impact the carbon footprint in creation of new buildings that will be in service for the next 50 - 100 years. We owe it to future generations to limit our carbon producing buildings. Concerns about cost & style should not take precedence over minimizing the carbon footprint that creates an existential threat to all living things. Massachusetts can set the bar for the country & the world if we put forth a bold & visionary expression of the art of the possible in low embodied and operational carbon buildings. Do not underestimate the gravity of the responsibility you have in this matter. Thanks for what you do.

Best regards,

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"The eyes of the future are looking back at us and they are praying for us to see beyond our own time." Terry Tempest Williams