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Thank you for updating the definition to net zero in both the Updated Stretch and Opt-In Specialized Stretch Code. We appreciate DOER incorporating an industry-standard definition and optional pathway found in the 2021 Base Code Appendix or so-called "Zero Code" advanced by AIA 2030 and endorsed by the national AIA. A net zero home is one that is affordable to heat and cool, has healthy indoor air due to all electric cookstoves, and has access to renewable energy -- either on site or bought off site.

A true net zero building does not allow for on-site combustion of fossil fuels.

As the state accelerates a clean energy transition, we cannot afford to leave out utility burdened residents who live in frontline and environmental justice communities. Towards this end, I urge the DOER to eliminate the fossil fuel pathway in the current draft of the specialized opt-in code. By allowing fossil fuels, the state will certainly straddle low income residents with the high costs of heating with fossil fuels as more people transition to clean energy. This is unacceptable and must be rectified.

I hope you take the above comments seriously and take the proper action.

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