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I am writing as an elected member of the Bedford, MA Planning Board on behalf of my constituents. The views I express here are my own. They have not been reviewed or endorsed by the Board.

We need to take aggressive action now to mitigate the effects of climate change and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Towards that end, it is essential that DOER update building energy codes and advance integrated state incentive programs in accordance with the state's emissions targets. I understand that DOER will produce a finalized Net-Zero-specialized stretch energy code for municipal adoption by the end of 2022. It is essential that DOER meet that timeline and that municipalities be free to choose their opt-in date. If DOER produces a weak specialized stretch code, building sector emissions will continue to rise and we will not meet our statewide emissions targets. Failure to achieve those targets will further threatens our health, our economy and our futures. Please act with due speed and attention to finalize a Net-Zero-specialized stretch energy code.

Sincerely,

Chris Gittins

Member, Bedford Planning Board

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