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To whom it may concern, Decarbonizing our buildings is crucial for ensuring a livable, breathable future for everyone.

Allowing for fossil fuel pathways in the specialized stretch code undermines the Commonwealth's ability to meet its 2030 emissions reduction goals. The state has eight years to meet the 2030 goal.

Pre-pandemic, building sector emissions were not stagnant but climbing at 4% per year. Reversing this upward trend makes meeting the 2030 goal both more difficult and crucial. The MassDEP Emissions Inventory shows that recent "Building Consumption" emissions are trending upward at the rate of 4% per year over the last four years, 2016 to 2019.

DOER needs to correct their previously conducted cost studies to reflect current gas and electricity prices and add significant cost premiums for retrofitting fossil-fuel heated buildings.

We demand that DOER produce a specialized stretch energy code that aligns with the state's 2030/2050 emissions targets. We urge DOER to begin this by correcting their previously conducted cost studies to reflect current gas and electricity prices and add significant cost premiums for retrofitting fossil-fuel heated building.

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