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Re: Comments on Building Code

Dear Commissioner Woodcock:

Thank you for considering the comments and making revisions based on your straw proposal. But, in several areas, the code needs further strengthening.

Most important, it is no longer acceptable to retain a fossil-fuels pathway for new buildings; we need to give towns the option of requiring all-electric, fossil-fuel-free construction.

You should also allow towns to adopt voluntarily before the January 1st or July 1st effective dates.

The section on substantial Improvements should be revised to clarify and improve the threshold for substantial improvements to existing buildings, using a greater-than-fifty-percent enclosed area standard for triggering HERS compliance.

Sincerely,

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