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Thank you very much for the work done thus far by DOER on the stretch code, which will take effect on January 1, 2023. DOER deserves tremendous commendation for appointing a Technical Advisory Group to strengthen and clarify the codes for building energy. By including the Updated and Opt-In Net Zero Stretch Codes, as well as the requirement for renewable energy sources, building emissions can be reduced considerably.

However, **I ask that DOER make electrification a requirement for ALL new buildings and renovation, commercial and residential.** Any buildings constructed today with fossil fuels will need to be retrofitted with electricity at greater cost and complexity to meet the Zero Emissions by 2050 law of the Commonwealth. The cost studies used by DOER should be revised to reflect current gas and electric prices AND to add the significant cost premiums for retrofitting fossil fuel heated buildings.

I am writing as a member of the 75-person Brookhaven Resident Climate Change Committee, affiliated with a 400-person community of seniors who vote. We care deeply about the world we are creating for the generations succeeding us.

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