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Below please find an additional comment concerning the building code energy provisions. Thank you.

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Subject: EV-Ready Parking & Stretch Code updates to Building Codes

To whom it may concern,

As a concerned citizen and advocate, I want to express and briefly explain my support for two provisions in the proposed updates to Massachusetts building codes.

1) EV-Ready Parking: Our state, along with many other states and at least 4 nations, committed at the Paris Climate talks at the end of 2015, to transitioning all new private vehicle sales to electric vehicles (EVs). Massachusetts has its own goals of putting 300,000 EVs on the road by 2025. Sales are rising, and the vehicles are now commonplace. Since a significant portion of charging is done at night or at the workplace, it follows logically that our buildings should be built equipped to host charging infrastructure. This EV-Ready Parking provision is a common-sense approach to avoiding higher future costs of installation, as well as making it much easier for any building tenant to own an electric vehicle.

2) Stronger Stretch Code: The stretch code was put in place as *a response to the need* of communities who want to increase the energy efficiency of their buildings, but did not want to burden industry with many different municipality-specific building codes. The statewide stretch code provides a uniform code for all communities who wish to increase efficiency, and thus save costs while also creating healthier air and healthier work environments for tenants. This need still exists in these communities, so it follows that we should maintain a strong stretch code to satisfy these communities seeking to meet higher standards in the performance and health of their buildings. Not to mention, it is no secret that higher efficiency saves costs... if real estate industry professionals want to save operating costs, builders should be shooting for the stars when it comes to building energy efficiency.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

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