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Rich, I am forwarding you information to be included on the 527 CMR 1.00 Code Change Proposal Form as per our earlier conversation. I would appreciate it if you could input this information into the code change proposal. Anything else you may need please contact me.

State reason why this proposal is needed: The reason this code change proposal is needed is for the protection of fire service personnel in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts when working in or around photovoltaic systems during fire and non-fire emergency situations. This will also allow fire prevention personnel the mechanism to not just make recommendations on photovoltaic system plan review installations, as currently is the case, instead documenting requirements of such installations.

Enter Code Section No: 527 CMR 1, section 11.12.2.2

Enter the Submitter Name: Michael K. Laracy, Sr.

Enter a summary of Proposal: I am respectfully requesting the Board to review 527 CMR 1, section 11.2-Photovoltaic Systems, specifically section 11.12.2.2 Access, Pathways, and Smoke Ventilation, for inclusion into the Massachusetts Fire Safety Code. The reason behind this request is (1) firefighter safety as the priority and (2) that this code language (to the best of my knowledge) is not available to fire services in the Commonwealth in any other code. I fully respect the reference to 527 CMR 12 and NFPA 70 in 11.12.1, and rightfully so to the installation of PV electrical components/systems, but you will see sections of 11.12 which are more specific to the fire service and the protection of firefighters that need due consideration. I would like to thank the Board for their consideration and hope that inclusion of section 11.12.2.2 is adopted or that the Board take any other actions to protect our firefighters when working around PV systems.

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