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To the Department of Energy Resources:

First, we appreciate the thoughtful, cumulative work done by the DOER to update the Stretch Energy Code & Specialized Stretch Energy Code. Watertown Faces Climate Change is a local climate and energy group that represents the Watertown node of 350 Mass. We support both state and municipal work in order to robustly address our climate needs and goals.

We appreciate the work of the DOER in incorporating some excellent energy-efficient measures and pathways, and your inclusion of specific community suggestions thus far.

Given the critical nature of the issue, we also urge you to:

- Require cost-effective and low-carbon materials for all buildings by restoring the embodied carbon provisions
- Expand On-Site Solar Generation to all buildings and require on-site solar panels in proportion to gross square feet to the extent of available solar access.
- Make electrification a requirement for ALL new buildings and major renovations.
- To accelerate the process, allow municipal adoption any time before Jan 1st or July 1st effective dates to align with anticipated voting schedules
- Provide updated cost studies to show current gas and electricity prices. This can reflect the significant cost premiums for retrofitting fossil fuel heated buildings, especially given that any building built today with fossil fuels will need to eventually be retrofitted at greater cost and level of complexity .
- Model progress toward the 2030 goals for limits on the building sector given various growth and opt-in assumptions.

Thank you so much for your attention.

Sincerely,
Watertown Faces Climate Change
Watertown, MA.