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Dear DOER,

The new stretch code must make it possible for cities and towns to require newly constructed buildings, and changes made in major renovations, to result in fossil-fuel-free energy use. Natural gas is a fossil fuel. It is unacceptable for the stretch code to allow installation of fossil fuel utilities and/or appliances, along with wiring for possible later electrification, and to call this net-zero. Your current definition of a Net-zero Building, on p. 10 of the June 2022 draft, is unacceptable.

You are slow-walking us to death on climate change with your incremental improvements. What I really want is a state-wide standard requirement for actual net-zero construction. But I'm willing to compromise on a mere local opt-in stretch code to require fossil-fuel-free construction. Please strengthen and fix your proposal!

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,
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