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Dear Governor Baker,

We, the undersigned, encourage your signature on *An Act Creating a Next-Generation Roadmap for Massachusetts Climate Policy* into law, without amendment. As part of a broad coalition of individuals and companies involved in the design, construction, maintenance and operation of buildings around the state, we believe this bill provides a toolkit for meeting the Commonwealth's goal of net zero emissions by 2050. Many of us are already designing, building and operating net zero buildings, today, that make sense for the economy as well as the environment. In 2019, our community advocated for creating a net zero stretch code, in 2020, we submitted a net zero stretch code proposal to the BBRS and now in 2021 we are encouraging you to sign this legislation.

Any building not built to net zero standards is going in the opposite direction from Massachusetts' Climate Goals. Mandating the promulgation of a local option "net zero stretch energy code," including a definition of "net zero building," shifting responsibility for stretch energy code development to DOER, adding seats to the BBRS with energy expertise, writing environmental justice into MA law, along with providing funds for clean energy workforce development, will all give the building community the tools needed to ensure we design and build to net zero standards.

Thank you for supporting this critical bill, and the ongoing work of so many in our community to address the impacts of climate change on our communities, and the planet.

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