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VIA EMAIL

RE: Final Passive House Incentive funding

To whom it may concern:

The Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC) is writing in support of Passive House Massachusetts's call for the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (EEAC) to make the Passive House Incentive program worth at least \$4,000 per unit. We feel strongly that Passive House design is the future for responsible, sustainable development, and especially for affordable housing development.

Passive House's benefits start with reduced operating costs (from reduced utility costs), which benefit our individual residents' household budgets. Affordable housing developers can potentially leverage more permanent debt and reduce the need for additional public subsidies.

Passive House also has tremendous health, comfort and resiliency (shelter-in-place) benefits for our residents. As we have seen over the past few years, this resiliency is tremendously important because extreme weather events caused by climate change have become increasingly commonplace and are only expected to rise over the coming years.

We would like to see the EEAC to do everything possible to advance the acceptance of this new technology during this current Three-Year Plan. The \$4,000 per unit is needed to achieve these results. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Angie Liou
Executive Director
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