

Hello,

This email serves as my endorsement of the actions outlined in the LISC letter of 4/4/2018 “Recommendations for EEAC’s 2019-2021 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan”.

As a developer of Affordable Housing it is important to us that projects are supported that achieve low cost energy for our residents. We believe that projects built to the Passive House standard can be the same cost or lower than what we are spending to create residential units today. Having built a Near Net Zero project we strongly believe in training for contractors. This can happen during design and construction but training that includes an understanding of basic airtightness, high thermal performance and understanding high efficient MEP systems enables contractors to approach PH projects with less intimidation of the PH goals. At POAH we collect energy and water data because that is how we measure a building’s performance. It highlights for us what measures work saving energy and water so we can replicate on future projects. Someday we hope to model energy savings in our financing so we can secure more debt to build better buildings, so benchmarking is key.

Thank you for your work to develop and expand energy efficiency programs in Massachusetts and I hope to see these efforts to ensure the development of affordable energy efficient buildings move forward.

Thank you for considering these comments.



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