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Mass Energy Efficiency Advisory Council  
c/o Department of Energy Resources  
100 Cambridge St.  
Boston, MA 02114

Via email: [ma-eeac@mass.gov](mailto:ma-eeac@mass.gov)

Re: Final Passive House Incentive Funding

To whom it may concern:

We are writing in support of Passive House Massachusetts's call for the Energy Efficiency Advisory Council to make the Passive House Incentive program worth at least \$4,000 per unit. As an affordable housing developer, we are strong advocates for green building and design and are with Passive House's commitment to build lower energy demand buildings.

HRI is a non profit housing developer in Cambridge that has been developing affordable housing for over 40 years. Over the last 10 years, we have been developing high efficiency developments and tracking those developments through WegoWise. Those developments overall perform better in terms of energy efficiency, resident comfort and reduced operating costs. HRI will continue their commitment to promoting and developing sustainable housing with the smallest carbon footprint possible. The Passive House design's benefits go even further to impact carbon reduction, low energy use and additional savings on operating and maintenance costs. Occupants also benefit from energy bill savings, high quality indoor air, comfort and resiliency. Massachusetts has been a national leader in energy efficiency and policies related to carbon reduction. The incentive Program is a significant step forward to build better buildings.

For this incentive program to work successfully however, the \$4,000 per unit is necessary. We would like to see the EEAC do everything possible to advance the acceptance of this new technology during this current Three-Year Plan. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jane Carbone  
Director of Development