

To: The Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council

Constructing new multifamily buildings to the Passive House standard has proven to be a low cost way to achieve long term energy use and greenhouse gas reductions as well healthier and more resilient buildings. As an architect who has design and overseen construction of buildings to the Passive House standard, I can honestly say that for new construction, this is truly smart, feasible and fundamentally the right choice for long term value, durability, health, comfort and resiliency. And it truly need not add cost, but it will strongly play into our collective goals for a low carbon future.

I strongly support the actions outlined in the LISC letter of 4/4/2018 “Recommendations for EEAC’s 2019-2021 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan,” including:

- Passive House Training for contractors and consultants
- Passive House Pilot Projects and Data Benchmarking
- Green Design Charrettes

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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