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Mayor Kyriacou and Beacon City Council members:

It is my honor to provide comments to you today in support of the city of Beacon’s adoption of the NYStretch Energy Code. While COVID-19 is the top challenge to our communities right now, we know that climate change is a crisis we must continue to address for the sake of future generations. New Yorkers are tough and regardless of the challenge, we can win but we must work together.

As such, NYStretch is an initiative NYSERDA is supporting statewide to help achieve reduced energy consumption and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through adoption of an advanced energy code. Working with the city of Beacon to adopt NY Stretch Energy Code is the type of partnership that is needed in order to achieve Governor Cuomo’s nation-leading climate goals. NYStretch supports these goals which include an 85 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and economy-wide carbon neutrality.

NYStretch is a pivotal tool to significantly reduce energy consumption, operating costs, utility costs, and greenhouse gas emissions for years to come by ensuring buildings and homes are built beyond minimum code requirements. NYStretch is based on proven technologies and construction techniques and underwent a vigorous public stakeholder review process. The result is a cost-effective model code that can save roughly 11 percent in energy costs over minimum code requirements. In addition to saving money and energy, the adoption of NYStretch can also help boost local economies, increase property values, protect the environment and position your community at the forefront of the state’s efforts to accelerate the adoption of clean renewable technologies.

For the public record, I’ve included the materials that NYSERDA has developed to aid in your adoption of NYStretch, namely the NYStretch Energy Code document, the Adoption Guide and Resolution Template, the Stringency Analysis Summary as well as the cost effectiveness analyses, and Frequently Asked Questions. Other tools and resources will be available in the near future to assist with code compliance, enforcement and implementation.

I commend you and the city council for leading by example in the adoption of the NYStretch Energy Code.

Sincerely,

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