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Steven T. Noble
Mayor

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Honorable Andrea Shaut
President/Alderman-at-Large
Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: NYStretch Energy Code support

Dear President Shaut,

I would like to express my support for the Council and City's adoption of the NYStretch Energy Code-2020. The NYStretch Energy Code is a critical tool for supporting our energy and climate goals, especially now as state energy goals and our own Climate Action goals drive cities like ours to take action on the local level to address emissions and energy reduction.

The adoption of the NYStretch Energy Code is beneficial to our environment with reduction of reliance on fossil fuels, making our buildings more resilient, it increases our property values and benefits our tenants and building owners with long term energy and cost savings as well as more comfortable and healthier homes, it boosts our green economy and it is consistent with our goals and the state's goals of greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

By adopting NYStretch Energy Code now, the City of Kingston would join dozens of other communities in the Hudson Valley moving towards adoption, continuing to serve as a leader in sustainability by taking a progressive and proactive approach towards reducing energy use in our housing stock, resulting in long term savings for our residents. Further, this adoption, at this critical time, advances our city toward qualification for NYSERDA funding to help further our action and stewardship with access towards grant funding.

I want to thank the Climate Smart Kingston Commission, as well as the Sustainability Office and the Building Safety Department who have been exploring this proposal and adoption for several months and have worked with NYSERDA to get us where we are today, considering the adoption of the code.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

Cc: Climate Smart Kingston Commission
Steve Knox, Building Safety