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Testimony In Opposition to
HB 5749
An Act Concerning Revisions to the State Building Code

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Building codes are revised periodically so that we can use our expanding knowledge of building practices to improve the performance, safety, energy needs, and cost of the built environment. We especially need to commit to raising the energy performance of both new and existing building as rapidly as possible. This bill would do just the opposite.

To mandate a six year waiting period to be able to take advantage of these enhanced national practices serves no discernable purpose. Rather, it is in our best interests to adopt these newer standards as quickly as possible.

The Sierra Club recommends rejection of HB 5749. We join in the excellent submitted testimony of Donald Vigneau and NEEP.