



BCAP Dedicated to the adoption, implementation,
and advancement of building energy codes

Public Safety and Security Committee
Room 3600, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

The Building Codes Assistance Project (BCAP) would like to express its opposition to HB 5749, which is proposing to extend to code adoption cycle from the current legislation to 6 years. The State of Connecticut current construction codes are consistent with the update cycles of U.S. national model construction codes. Maintaining these will protect consumer safety by providing the highest quality codes, standards, products, and services for all Connecticut households and businesses concerned with the safety and performance of the building environment.

BCAP is an ongoing initiative of the Alliance to Save Energy, a nonprofit organization that promotes energy efficiency worldwide through research, education and advocacy. BCAP strives to be the premier resource for energy code support, coordination, technical assistance, news, and information. Our mission is to reduce the energy consumed in the construction and operations of buildings by working with national, state, and local governments and other stakeholders to promote the adoption and implementation of building codes and standards.

The negative impact of HB 5749 will be considerable. Connecticut is one of many states that values public safety and the protection of our built environment by updating building, fire, electrical, and energy codes and standards every three years, which coincides with the national model code cycles. By adopting such codes, Connecticut provides the safest and economically prudent climate for its citizens. HB 5749 will prevent this integral update from taking place, allowing Connecticut to fall behind the national standard for building and life safety, and limit the use of safe and cost-effective construction standards or methods, new and emerging technology and building innovations, and cutting edge building materials.

Connecticut citizens deserve the consumer protection, safety, low energy costs and low insurance rates that come with regularly updated and well implemented building codes. BCAP looks forward to continuing its collaboration with the state towards these goals.

Sincerely,

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