

Testimony in support of H7081: Next generation Public Buildings Act

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To: Chair Bennett and the Honorable Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee

This is a reasonable and proactive bill which will reduce energy emissions from one of the most prevalent sources of carbon emissions – buildings. There is an urgency to reduce such emissions which I do not believe government officials are responding to. Requiring new or renovated buildings to adopt these standards is a commonsense place to start. “Leading by example” thus far is seriously underwhelming and should be more vigorously initiated by government leaders. For climate reasons and future long term energy cost savings this bill should be embraced.