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Dear Toronto Planning and Housing Committee:

Buildings are responsible for 59% of Toronto's carbon emissions. As our population grows, it is crucial to get emissions from new construction under control.

TransformTO's Pathway to a Low-Carbon Future identifies that 100% of new buildings must be built to near-zero emissions by 2030. The adoption of leading Green Development Standards is the most powerful climate action we can take to curb increasing emissions.

The proposed updates in Toronto Green Standard Version 4 will advance TransformTO and other City strategies, contribute to economic prosperity, environmental health, cultural vibrancy and social well-being. New buildings approved today will be part of our city for the next century. Building healthy, resilient, efficient buildings now is far more cost effective than retrofitting them down the road.

We strongly support the adoption of the Toronto Green Standard Version 4 and request the City move forward with stronger incentives for projects that meet the ambitious tier 2 and 3 requirements.

Future Majority represents approximately 85,000 young people across Canada, with many of them living in Toronto. Young people support bold and ambitious policy for solving the climate crisis. The proposed updates represent that bold vision.

Sincerely,

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