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Dear Toronto Planning and Housing Committee:

Building operations are responsible for 59% of Toronto's carbon emissions, and the embodied carbon of their materials adds much more. As our population grows, it is crucial to get emissions from new construction under control. This will also help improve housing comfort and air quality.

TransformTO's Pathway to a Low-Carbon Future shows why **100% of new buildings must be built to near-zero emissions by 2030**. The adoption of leading Green Development Standards is a key climate action you 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.

Thank you

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