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(public discussion)

Dear Mayor Wilson, Vice Mayor Jackson and City Council Members,

I am here to speak in support of the February 7 letter you received from the chairs of the Alexandria Planning Commission and the Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission advocating for upgrades to the city's current Green Building Plan.

For Alexandria to meet its 2019 Climate Emergency commitments and Environmental Action plan, The Green Building Plan would have to implement guidelines for reducing overall energy use and greenhouse gas emissions. This is particularly urgent given the number of planned new building projects. Why not amend the GBP now in preparation? According to Alexandria's Draft Energy and Climate Change Action plan, 91% of the city's greenhouse gas emissions are from two sources: community buildings and transportation. Now is the perfect time to amend the Green Building plan before these large projects are undertaken.

Our children are certainly watching to see if Alexandria's leaders actually care enough about climate change to put some policy work into addressing it. Please change the Green Building plan in accordance with the Planning and Environmental Policy Commissions' recommendations.

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