



Letter of Support for the Northeast HERS Alliance Embodied Carbon Initiative

To Whom It May Concern:

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ support the proposal from the Northeast HERS Alliance for RESNET to create a new Standard for including the tracking of Embodied Carbon Materials as part of the HERS Index.

I/We affirm this is a critical step to capture the up-front carbon savings needed to reverse climate change by 2030. Operational emissions accrue on top of the baseline of embodied carbon emissions, which are already in the atmosphere when construction begins. If we want to reach the carbon targets, we must begin factoring embodied carbon emissions now.

Adding Embodied Carbon tracking to the HERS index is a workforce development opportunity for raters. The existing rater development pipeline can scale and has shown versatility across new market opportunities (e.g. HERS H20 and the HVAC Grading Standard). Wide adoption of embodied carbon tracking will bring clarity to carbon intensity in materials. This clarity will then serve as a tool for the standardization of Program adoption at the municipal, State, and Federal level.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this letter to Betsy at [Betsy@nehers.org](mailto:Betsy@nehers.org)