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Dear Mayor, Councillors and Staff,

On behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association of British Columbia (BOMA), thank you for the opportunity to comment on the City of Vancouver Zero Emissions Building Strategy proposal. We appreciate the opportunity to have been able to engage with City staff on this initiative over this past year, and we expect that engagement to continue in 2021 as the carbon pollution limits are established.

BOMA has been an active participant on the Renewable City 2050 Advisory Group as well as the City's Urban Design Panel. We recognize that the City has ambitious carbon reduction targets and we believe there are supportable ways to make them more achievable. We are delighted to see capacity building support for the commercial buildings industry in the plan and we would be pleased to look at ways that we can support the development of the Commercial Building Innovation Centre.

Given the economic uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, many building owners are holding off on any commercial building renovations. There has never been a stronger need to combat this decline and for government to provide innovative solutions to increase the resiliency of our built environment for generations. We appreciate now more than ever the need to maintain a flexible approach to meeting carbon limits.

BOMA is a leader in transforming the commercial buildings industry toward energy efficiency and environmental responsibility. BOMA represents an industry valued at more than \$350 billion, which contributes \$4 billion annually to the provincial economy and employs 40,000 British Columbians. Our industry supports the City's small businesses and provides community infrastructure that supports all citizens.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can provide any more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Stathonikos".

Damian Stathonikos
President

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Cc: Sadhu Johnston – City Manager, City of Vancouver
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