A stronger Massachusetts starts with stronger building codes.
Support House Bill 3844 and Senate Bill 1799.

The Massachusetts legislature is considering a bill that would strengthen local building codes through the use of non-combustible materials in commercial and residential construction.

Fighting a disturbing trend.
It’s no secret that wood buildings burn. In fact, after a host of dangerous and costly fires swept throughout the state over the last several years, Waltham city voted 14-0 in support of safer building codes. After all, supporting development that uses concrete and masonry (rather than wood) is one of the best ways to keep our families and communities safer.

Saving lives, saving costs.
Think it costs more to build with non-combustible materials? It’s really not the case. A historical analysis of three Massachusetts counties shows that concrete and masonry cost 22% less than wood buildings.* Which means saving on building construction doesn’t have to come at the expense of our families and communities.

Our Coalition Partners
Dozens of local and national organizations recognize the importance of building with non-combustible materials,

and we’re proud to work with them to strengthen communities in Massachusetts, and across the country.

MaCAPA
Steel Framing Industry Association
Portland Cement Association
New England Concrete Manufacturers Association
National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association
American Concrete Pumping Association

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LOCAL SAFETY PERSONNEL SPEAK OUT AGAINST COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS.

“It’s like a box of matches because it’s all unprotected wood. It fails rapidly which means you have the collapse of the building fairly quick.”

- Chief David Mottor, President of Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, Builder Online

“I do have concerns about the light-weight construction materials [of wood-frame buildings].”

- Joseph E. Finn, Boston Fire Commissioner, The Boston Globe