SAFER AND MORE DURABLE BUILDINGS DON'T HAVE TO COME AT A PRICE FOR MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITIES.

Two analyses show costs of using non-combustible building materials either on par or less than wood.

Using non-combustible materials has been proven to saves lives. But too many communities have been relying on wood construction because they believe it saves money for multifamily buildings. Analyses from Dodge Data & Analytics (DDA) and RS Means highlight the affordability of non-combustible construction in Massachusetts is virtually the same as building with wood. The results mean local construction and developers thrive, while residents and businesses stay protected.

A comprehensive analysis using DDA data for all buildings built in Suffolk, Middlesex and Worcester County from 2014-2018 (representing 375 buildings). The takeaway? Non-combustible buildings (concrete and masonry) cost 22.0% less to build than combustible (wood) buildings.*

A comprehensive cost estimate using RS Means for a typical four-story, 100,000 square-foot apartment building located in Massachusetts. The building consists of 92 apartments, 60 one-bedroom apartments and 32 two-bedroom apartments. The analysis indicated that the costs for non-combustible construction (concrete) are less than combustible (wood) construction.**

**With over half a million real projects tracked annually, DDA is the most comprehensive and economic model ensuring insight and forecasting confidence.

** RS Means is the world’s leading provider of construction cost data software and services to help owners, architects, engineers, and contractors precisely estimate cost of new building construction.

We can afford to put the safety of Massachusetts residents first. Pass a statewide ordinance to build with non-combustible materials. Learn more by visiting BuildwithStrength.com.