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Good afternoon. As president of the Maine Maple Producers Association I wish to express our associations position that maple sugarhouses should be exempt from the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. Sugarhouses by design are made to ventilate steam, and as such cannot be held to typical building codes. Furthermore, they are single use structures used seasonally. Attempting to apply a uniform building and energy efficiency code to an agricultural structure that is built to make a food product for 6 weeks of the year would be detrimental and cost prohibitive to our members. On behalf of sugarmakers across the state I would ask that sugarhouses be exempt.

Sincerely,
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President Maine Maple Producers Association