



# We advance high performance buildings in Illinois.

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**Educating building professionals**



**Advancing policy to remove barriers**



**Supporting existing buildings on the path to net zero.**

# Our policy and building codes don't align with our climate and equity goals



## LUCHA's Tierra Linda Affordable Housing Project: **PHIUS vs Energy Star**

**48% of all Illinois renters are rent burdened, paying 30% or more on housing costs**

Annual energy costs for the PHIUS+ 2015 property are about 19% less than the Energy Star property, mainly due to the differences in utility rates.

Greenhouse gas emissions for the PHIUS+ property are a quarter to a third less than those of the Energy Star property.

# Key Obstacle:

All too often, policymakers are getting advice from all kinds of constituencies —  
*just not the experts*

# Opportunities

- First Major Chicago Climate Action Plan since 2008
- City of Chicago Building Decarbonization Working Group
- Leveraging Implementation of CEJA
- Existing Programs and Success Stories

**Regarding buildings and construction, to achieve Chicago's carbon and equity goals, a critical obstacle to collaboratively overcome within the next 12 months is:**

**The lack of connection between policymakers, experts, and the projects that demonstrate the feasibility and community benefits of building decarbonization policy.**

