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Dear Re: Docket 24-OIR-03 Docket Unit,

I am a California-based contractor in Concord. My business has a small team of technicians serving residential and commercial customers in our community.

I respectfully oppose the California Energy Commission's proposed HVACR and water heater sales registry. While I understand the goal of improving compliance, this registry would create significant administrative burdens for small businesses like mine. It would require added paperwork, reporting time, and system changes that increase overhead costs. Those costs will ultimately impact customers.

The proposal also raises concerns about confidential business information, including sales data and customer details. Small contractors rely on competitive pricing and customer trust, and protecting that information is critical.

Most importantly, a sales registry will not solve permit compliance issues. Permit enforcement happens at the local level, and adding a statewide reporting system does not address the root causes of non-compliance.

I respectfully ask the Commission to abandon this proposal and instead work with contractors and distributors on practical solutions that support compliance without harming small businesses.

Sincerely,

Cory Nickels