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I am writing to express my strong support for the California Energy Commission's proposed update to the Title 24 energy efficiency standards for new buildings. The proposed standards will save Californians money, reduce pollution, save water, and help the state meet its AB 32 greenhouse gas reduction goals. In addition, the standards are projected to create up to 3,500 new jobs in the building industry. California has led the country on energy efficiency since the mid-70s, establishing the first building and appliance standards in the United States. As a result, Californians have saved more than \$65 billion dollars on energy costs and benefitted from the creation of 1.5 million jobs and \$45 billion in new payroll. California has also avoided the need for nearly 30 large (500 MW) power plants and the resulting pollution and public health impacts of those plants. After more than two years of public workshops and stakeholder meetings, the Energy Commission has identified the most cost-effective measures for the code update which is estimated to achieve 33 percent energy savings in residential buildings and 30 percent savings in commercial and industrial buildings. The proposed standards will save new homeowners around \$5,600 over a 30-year mortgage via lower energy bills and save as much energy as 8 new large power plants over the next thirty years. The proposed standards will keep California on the path towards the net zero energy goal for buildings and will provide a critical source of emissions reduction under AB 32.

Thank you!

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