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We are writing in opposition yet again to another unfunded mandate that will harm business and take away options for business owners to choose what energy services they wish to use. To only allow electric appliances and force replacement of natural gas appliances just does not make sense.

Businesses in many cases choose natural gas because it is cheaper and more efficient, and we believe Californians should have the right to choose the energy and appliances they use in their businesses. Running a business on electricity alone would dramatically increase operating costs. Not only would energy bills increase, but businesses would also need to make substantial capital outlays for new equipment and the corresponding electric upgrades. When you're running a business on narrow margins, you simply can't afford to repeatedly swap out equipment. Requiring businesses to do so and saddling them with higher energy bills will undermine their viability, impacting jobs, revenue, and tax receipts. Businesses in California cannot afford another costly unfunded mandate.

For these reasons we oppose this mandate and respectfully request it does not move forward.

Sincerely,

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