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Dear California Energy Commission,

We must rapidly discontinue the use of carbon-based fuels in order to have any chance of having a stable climate on this planet. That means that we must rapidly discontinue investing in infra-structure that supports the use of carbon-based fuels. These are unwise investments both ecologically and financially. We simply do not have the time for such investments to accrue the necessary returns to make them viable. Such investments are short-term thinking: make a quick buck now and damn the consequences. Humanity can no longer continue to operate in that manner if we want to maintain our civilization. Regrettably the matter is precisely that serious.

Dear Commissioner:

California has already pledged to generate all of its electricity through clean renewable energy by 2045. A quarter of California's greenhouse gas emissions are from homes and buildings, the majority of which come from onsite combustion of methane gas for heating. To meet its climate goals, the state must phase out the use of gas in our homes and buildings entirely.

California cannot afford to slow down its pace in transitioning from dirty methane gas to clean electricity in homes and buildings. Clean alternatives, such as solar and wind, are ready and are California's best hope for avoiding more devastating climate impacts.

I strongly encourage the Energy Commission to stay on track with California's climate targets and work towards phasing out gas entirely and rapidly.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Gassman

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