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REACH codes and building electrification

Dear Commissioners, the landscape in California is changing. Climate change has created events that we considered worst-case scenarios, only a few short years ago. California needs to address these devastating changes with new policies that reflect the current state of affairs. Building codes frequently lag several years behind policy goals and technological advances. Reach codes are a means to adjust to current conditions and goals without waiting years for a new code cycle. Recent efforts to encourage building electrification are an example of using reach codes as a positive tool for change. We support the growing number of cities and counties that are adopting reach codes to promote beneficial electrification. Solar and all-electric buildings are cheap, cleaner, healthier, and safer than buildings that rely on the combustion of fossil fuels. They are cheaper to build and offer long term positive benefits. We urge you to approve these REACH codes and to develop more state policies that strive to decarbonize buildings in California.