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Reach Code jurisdictions for approval

I urge you to approve the jurisdictions with locally approved reach codes, listed on your docket. All the communities have thoroughly analyzed the impact of the reach code they decided to adopt. And from their analysis have concluded that some form of decarbonization reach codes are valuable for their constituents:

- to protect the health of our residents not only from the dangerous emissions from natural gas for cooking including disease such as asthma and other lung diseases (children at higher risk to contracting asthma).
- to better protect residents from the emissions from gas line leaks that send methane into our atmosphere and also can cause fires.
- to address climate change by reducing emissions with one of the biggest contributors of green house gas emissions. Natural gas which is primarily methane has been found to impact planet warming, remaining in the atmosphere over longer time frames than CO2.
- To slow down sea rise which will have an enormous impact on our government budgets, the economy, individuals as their homes and business are flooded on an on-going basis, and our ability to take advantage of the natural marsh ecosystems that help cleanse the water as it enters the water ways and the Bays.
- All Electric building code saves money for developers and residents when costly gas lines don't have to be installed to serve a home and multi-story buildings.
- And adding requirements for Electric Vehicle charging instantly reduces emissions and can help solve the duck curve issue when EVs are charged at night in off-peak hours.

For these and many other reasons, approving all jurisdictions new construction building codes is truly a win/win for lower costs for both construction and operation, emission reduction that protects our entire human ecosystem, and protects resident safety and health.

The jurisdictions on your list for approval will serve as role model for other areas around the country and the world, demonstrating the California is leader to protect its citizenry by taking action in a rational well thought-out way to deal with climate change and other fundamental issues facing our citizens.