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Bill Wehl re Item 5 Local Ordinance Applications

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Dear CEC members and staff:

I support adoption of these reach codes. I also urge the CEC to build off local leadership and take electrification further by setting an all-electric baseline for new construction in the 2022 building code.

California - and the rest of the planet - is in a climate emergency. We need to reduce emissions rapidly across the state. There is no need to continue building new buildings with gas or the infrastructure to support that. Now is the time to stop digging our climate hole deeper, and then to begin the process of transitioning the existing building stock off of gas.

I have spent the past 15 years working on climate and energy for major tech companies. I now lead a nonprofit initiative, ClimateVoice, focused on building support for pro-climate policies that will help us keep warming below 1.5 deg C. Making all of our buildings zero emissions - not just "net zero" - is one critical thing that needs to happen soon.

Please don't listen to the scare tactics and fear mongering of the gas companies. Their only real interest is protecting their revenue and profits. The science is clear that gas has to go. Please set an all-electric baseline for new construction in the 2022 building code.

Sincerely,
Bill Wehl