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Ava Stern re Item 5 Local Ordinances Exceeding the 2019 Energy Code

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Hello,

My name is Ava, I am a high school student. I support the 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.

In the past month, California has experienced record heat and unprecedented lightning storms in which nearly 14,000 lightning strikes were recorded - starting the second and third largest fires in state history. In just a few days, fires burned through 1.4 million acres - far more land than usually burns in a year. And, fire season has only just begun.

We've been warned of fire tornadoes. Millions are breathing in smoke and unhealthy air. At least 7 people are dead, 136,000 people have been evacuated, and more than 1,600 structures have been destroyed. We don't recognize our own state, our own towns anymore. We are being ravaged by climate change.

And still - leaders in California are continuing to make it worse. The cause of our pain has a name: it's fossil fuels. **You can't "believe" in climate change and believe that we can continue burning gas at the same time.** There's simply no excuse for continuing to build out fossil fuel infrastructure while our communities burn. We don't need our leaders to just believe in climate change - we need you to do something about it. We need a reason to hope.

Thank you