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To Whom It May Concern:

As an Architect and a Californian I support adoption of these reach codes. It's time NOW to take a stance and take electrification further by setting an all-electric baseline for new (and retrofits if possible) in the 2022 building code. You've seen the science, we don't have time to waste. Banning gas is a small step in the overall scheme of things. If we can do larger things like shelter in place together (admittedly the US could improve) - jumping forward into all-electric for the 2022 code should be a piece of cake. Let's just get this done. It may not be popular to start, but the future of our children and our planet is at stake. Looking back, this will be a no-brainer.

Recent [analysis](#) from Rocky Mountain Institute illustrates that postponing electrification for three more years would result in an additional three million tons of avoidable carbon emissions by 2030—the equivalent of putting 650,000 more cars on the road for a year—as well as \$1 billion in unnecessary spending on new gas connection infrastructure.

Moving to electric appliances is popular among Californians. A statewide poll found that [70% of Californians](#) prefer all-electric appliances powered by clean electricity to appliances powered by fossil gas.

Fossil fuel-free homes and buildings are already becoming standard in California. In just 12 months, cities representing nearly 10% of the state's population have committed to gas-free new construction - with more cities joining all the time. These cities have proven that there is a demand to move off of gas in favor of renewables.

The Energy Commission must now step in and take this policy statewide to create consistency.

With best regards,
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