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Thank you for this opportunity to submit a testimonial in favor of the proposed revisions for all-electric reach codes. Congratulations to the CEC for successfully approving similar reach codes in San Mateo, Los Altos Hills, Redwood City, and East Palo Alto.

I want to offer my perspective as a youth and student, hopefully to give you context for what some of your constituents may be thinking. I have lived in California all my life and throughout the ups and downs of federal political turmoil it has always given me pride to be able to say that I was from California, the unquestioned progressive leader on building a sustainable and equitable future. For the past four years, my community in Silicon Valley and all of us across the state have stood strong in the face of a socially regressive and morally corrupt presidential administration; every lawsuit Xavier Becerra filed against the federal government, EPA, or DOJ truly brought me hope.

Yet this is not the time now to retreat into complacency when we are confronted with an urgent existential threat like global warming and all that stands between us and the solution is the political willpower to catalyze this change. Local legislation enforcing electrification in buildings would be both a symbolic and material step forwards in combating climate change.

In such an affluent state like California, it's absolutely inexcusable to shrug and move on from such a proposal. Ordinances such as these are one of our primary tools to rapidly decarbonize the residential and industrial sectors and anything less than an ambitious plan will simply not suffice. We, the students, the children, and the activists, look towards your leadership as a precedent-setting, paradigm-shifting signal to the rest of the world.

If not us, who else will make and inspire these changes? California is home to the 5th largest economy globally and taking such ambitious action here in Arcata will ripple across the state, nation, and ultimately the planet. Every decision is magnified and if you choose to ignore this issue, we resign ourselves to a bleak fate. If you choose to ignore this, my generation will watch you deliberately throwing away our future. Instead, today you are empowered to make true change in your community and beyond, and embrace the calls of youth for a cleaner, fairer future for all. So commission members, I hope that our community in the Bay Area can become part of the solution through ambitious electrification reach codes and join the groundbreaking climate work being done by others.

Thank you and I appreciate you considering this proposal.