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Hello Commissioners,

At a recent workshop, California Energy Commission (CEC) staff made it clear that they would interpret the statute relating to the new California Electric Homes Program (CalEHP) such that new buildings in the jurisdictions of local governments with all-electric reach codes would not be able to access proposed CalEHP incentives. This is effectively penalizing local governments, such as Santa Barbara, for taking bold and early action on climate, and could seriously inhibit ongoing climate leadership.

Communities who have put the climate first and have worked together to prioritize climate action should be just as eligible (if not more so!) to receive these funds and be rewarded for their innovation and courage. Do not penalize us for being leaders.

Best,
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