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The California Energy Commission must not revoke the HERS Program for Field Verification and Diagnostic Testing without first safeguarding the HERS Program for future code cycles. The Commission's attempt to revoke an entire industry without first identifying what new rules will be adopted in its place is reckless and unlawful. The proposed rules under 23-HERS-01 must not be adopted.

This was just adopted or started to be enforced in our county code as of 2022 contractors and homeowners are just getting accustomed to the new rules and actually like the performance of the title 24 energy standards being field verified by trade professionals as building inspectors already have a lot on their plate with seismic, framing, structural, electrical, plumbing, insulation, glazing, roofing, fire codes, etc.. I have not met a building inspector yet who could tell me how well a building would perform from a standard building inspection. The HERS Field verification is the inspector's insight tool as to how well a building will perform that is why HERS field verification is imperative to meeting realistic performance goals set out in the new code cycles. At the end of the day isn't that why the CEC exists to strengthen and support the energy goals set out in the codes?

I would love to continue this conversation in the future if you would like to feel free to contact me at the number below. In the meantime, please don't adopt this rule.

Thank you for your time.

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