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Proposed Rulemaking Changes

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Hello,

This email is in regards to the proposed rulemaking changes **23-HERS-01** regarding field verification under the current HERS program.

California has been a nation-wide leader in energy efficiency for many years, from large-scale commercial projects, all the way down to single family residential homes.

The HERS program has helped to ensure that green building practices and energy efficient design are actually put into practice in-field, and not just included on a paper design as a recommendation. The HERS program is a fast-growing industry that has stepped-in to help assist building departments state-wide with 3rd party verifications & inspections, becoming another source for promoting energy efficient building practices in California.

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 unwise. The proposed rules under 23-HERS-01 will put many companies in this industry out of business and must not be adopted.

Please reconsider adopting these rule changes unless there are adequate precautions that will safeguard this program for future code cycles.

Respectfully,

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