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To whom it may concern,

As a HERS rater actively providing verifications to multiple contractors for over a decade, I'm interested in the integrity and continuity of the HERS industry.

The three year code cycle update is a challenge for contractors. I've heard many times "The energy code changes for every new project." from contractors. They don't actually review the code updates; they're consistently surprised by them. The HERS Rater's role in not just inspecting at the end, but in communicating the energy code requirements early in a project and then checking in periodically during the project, (primarily to educate as necessary) is essential to accomplishment of CEC energy code requirements.

Proposed abandonment of the HERS program for verifications is unlikely to serve the CEC's code compliance objectives and it will surely put me out of business. As a very experienced HERS Rater, I see a very clear need for the role and I've spent a decade investing my time and money to build my business.

Please don't abandon the HERS Raters as we've admirably served the CEC's past intentions and we would like to continue doing so in the future.

Cordially,

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