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Support for a Stronger 2025 Statewide Building Code

To the members of the California Energy Commission,

I am a mother of two young children and serve on the Planning Commission in Menlo Park.

First, I appreciate that in the 2025 Energy Code, new efficiency rules will mean the vast majority of new homes and buildings are built with electric heat pumps rather than gas starting in 2026.

However, there is a missed opportunity when it comes to cutting pollution from existing homes. Please reinstate a critical provision, which was included in a previous draft, that will encourage households statewide to install two-way heat pumps when replacing old air conditioning (AC) units.

Comprehensively and swiftly transitioning away from burning fossil fuels is critical to helping to ensure equitable communities and a livable future for our children.

Thank you for your leadership.

Linh Dan Do