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Jump-Starting Building Electrification

Homes and buildings are one of the largest sources of climate pollution in California. In fact, the fracked gas that powers our water heaters, furnaces, clothes dryers and stoves not only harms the climate, but poses major safety, air quality, and health risks to our families and communities.

A California Energy Commission plan that lays out how California can address its energy use, calls for more building electrification. That is, moving away from gas to clean electricity to power everyday household appliances.

Gas is polluting, and it's dangerous. We need to get it out of our energy system and out of our homes and buildings.

The gas industry doesn't want Californians to choose clean energy alternatives. They're pushing back on the IEPR chapter and claiming that Californians want gas instead of clean energy in their homes and businesses.

California cannot afford another San Bruno or Aliso Canyon disaster. The transition from gas to clean electric buildings is essential not just for the climate, but for the safety and health of our communities.

California must move away from methane and make the transition to zero-emission homes and businesses. This will improve air quality and safety in our communities.

I urge the Commission to prioritize building decarbonization and to identify more strategies that will jump-start electrification.

It's clear that electrifying more than 13 million homes and buildings across the state will take all hands on deck. The IEPR should help to prompt a successful transition to zero-emission buildings.