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Dear California Energy Commission,

We now have data that show the devastating impacts of fracking, not only in the extraction itself, but in the leakage from old wells across the nation that results in emissions of this far more potent climate changing gas. Methane gas should never have been allowed to be used even as a "transition" from other fossil fuels to clean renewable energy sources. We need to rid ourselves of it as soon as possible. Do it for our future, and for the ones you love.

Dear Commissioner:

California has already pledged to generate all of its electricity through clean renewable energy by 2045. A quarter of California's greenhouse gas emissions are from homes and buildings, the majority of which come from onsite combustion of methane gas for heating. To meet its climate goals, the state must phase out the use of gas in our homes and buildings entirely.

California cannot afford to slow down its pace in transitioning from dirty methane gas to clean electricity in homes and buildings. Clean alternatives, such as solar and wind, are ready and are California's best hope for avoiding more devastating climate impacts.

I strongly encourage the Energy Commission to stay on track with California's climate targets and work towards phasing out gas entirely and rapidly.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Harte

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