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Dear California Energy Commission,

The social, economic, environmental and national security costs of maintaining and subsidizing fossil fuels is already staggering and is becoming unmanageable as proven by the unprecedented increase of massive and devastating tornados, wildfires and flooding, and the loss of human life, natural resources and property. California now must deliberately protect its citizens by fully transitioning to a 100% carbon neutral economy. The current cost to continue exploiting fossil fuels is 5.5 times greater than the cost to abandon them altogether in favor of alternative clean energy. As a result, California must only promote a sustainable carbon neutral U.S. economy compatible with the stable climate system which gave rise to human civilization. California must also lead the world by providing the means and resources to sequester GHG pollution from our atmosphere by achieving CO2 concentrations of 350 ppm within 10 years or most likely face catastrophic climate consequences.

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,

Gonzalo Castillo

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