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Dear California Energy Commission,

Methane traps 80 times the heat that is trapped by carbon dioxide. Decreasing methane use and emissions is more important than decreasing equal amounts of carbon dioxide. Renewables can be scaled up to meet all of our heating, cooling, and electricity needs - with a far lower environmental impact than fossil fuels. Conservation is critical to countering climate change. Thus, green energy efficient building codes and retrofit planning is a complement to transitioning from fossil to renewable.

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,

David Bezanson PhD

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