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CEC should building decarbonization efforts via state new building energy efficiency standards

More than half the homes in the United States have natural gas furnaces and other appliances. Trying to develop and fund a new statewide effort to remove all natural gas appliances from existing buildings is currently unachievable from a financial and political standpoint. A more viable approach might be to propose to eliminate all gas appliances and natural gas system hook ups to new homes via the existing CEC Title 24 building standards process. If and when this effort is successful, the CEC and other state agencies can begin to phases natural gas appliances out of statewide energy efficiency programs, like those managed by the CPUC and the utilities.