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RE Local Ordinances Exceeding the 2019 Energy Code

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CEC Meeting December 11th, Sacramento

-Good afternoon commissioners, my name is Sarah Wiltfong and I am here on behalf of the Los Angeles County Business Federation, also known as BizFed. We are an alliance of over 180 business organizations who represent over 400,000 employers with 3.5million employees in Los Angeles County.

-BizFed represents businesses from large to small in a wide variety of industries – such as manufacturers, warehouses, refineries, transportation, construction, housing, entertainment, ports, terminal operators, restaurants, retailers and more.

-As you are working to implement decarbonization policies, we would like to reiterate that sustainability is not just about the environment. It is also about sustainability of jobs, sustainability of communities, and the sustainability of the economy.

-We are here because we know you are considering REACH code approvals - and we respectfully ask that you oppose them.

-Electricity, natural gas, solar or wind are all vital to our state's continued economic and environmental successes. Eliminating renewable affordable natural gas, which is the intent of these proposals, for citizens and businesses would do very little to address climate emissions. It would, however, increase monthly utility bills, make our housing affordability crisis worse, and add additional burdens to businesses already struggling to survive.

-The intent of the CEC is to prevent over-reliance on one energy source. The adoption of the REACH codes will undermine this, prohibiting a balanced approach to energy policy. Which is why we ask you reconsider locally adopted REACH codes.

-Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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