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Dear Commissioners and Staff:

On behalf of the Clean Coalition I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the CEC's 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards. The Clean Coalition advocates Statewide for the transition to renewable energy and a modern grid. Accordingly, we urge the CEC to set building standards that require efficient, all-electric new construction, by adopting a single all-electric baseline for all building types in the 2022 code.

Not only will an all-electric baseline provide major environmental and economic benefits, and an improvement to health and safety standards, an all-electric baseline is essential to the formation of community microgrids that can continue to serve essential individual and community needs when planned and unplanned power shutoffs occur.

Given the anticipated increase in power shutoffs in coming years, we need to plan for the resilience of our communities, and an all-electric baseline is the key ingredient for this capability within the 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards.

Thank you for your consideration,

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