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## **Please accelerate the adoption of All-Electric Buildings in the 2022 Building Standards**

I am an Architect and a member of the American Institute of Architects' Committee on the Environment. It is crucial that we accelerate the adoption of all-electric construction in the next code cycle. My family and I were evacuated from our home for a week in 2017 during the Thomas Fire. At the time, it was the single largest wildfire in California's history. In less than three years since then, six fires have broken that record, with this year's August Complex fire alone doing so by a factor of four. Climate Change is upon us, it's effects are worsening each year, and we must immediately phase out fossil fuel end uses. Buildings contribute up to 40% of our climate emissions, and every new building built without all-electric construction today is one we will have to retrofit later. It's critical we make the transition as soon as possible, for most immediate benefit and for long-term cost-effectiveness.