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I am a small business selling hearth products such as gas and woodburning fireplaces and woodstoves.

My customers, especially those building new homes, depend on natural gas and propane as available sources for heating when the power goes out, which it often does in our area, both intentionally and accidentally. A lot of my customer use heating gas fireplaces to have a convenient source of secondary heating in their home which is also aesthetically pleasing, and which still works even when the power is out.

I know that some people are saying the state must move right away to only using electricity in new homes in the next energy code. Until the electric system is 100% reliable and more cost effective in our area, or we have long lasting on-site battery storage systems, homeowners in my area will need to be able to use gas, especially propane, to keep warm, not to mention take showers and cook, when the power goes out.

It is too soon to try and go all-electric. Please ensure we can keep our reliable natural gas and propane.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
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