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Charnwood Says No to Electric-Only 2022 Energy Code

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

My customers depend on natural gas and propane for heating when the power goes out, which happens a lot in my area. A lot of my customer use gas-fueled heaters as a source of secondary heating in their home. Gas heater-rated fireplaces provide heat while also providing an aesthetically pleasing view of the flame.

Some stakeholders are urging you to adopt policies that only allow electricity in new homes in the next energy code. This is a mistake.

I can guarantee you that, if that happens, every new home in my area will have to be built with an on-site gas generator. Propane or diesel generators are good products, but I think it makes a lot more sense to use the fuel for direct heating instead of as a back up to the electric grid.

Thanks for considering these comments,

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