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Alpine Stove and Chimney Service Concerned by Electricity Storage Limitations and the 2022 Energy Code

Iâ€™m writing to you today about concerns I have about the 2022 energy code. I have a small business that sells and installs gas hearth products, many of which are designed and used as heaters.

For many of my customers, electricity is a huge expense. Forcing people to live in homes that are all electric doesnâ€™t recognize the limitations of energy storage options, or lack thereof.

California in general, and new homes in particular, doesnâ€™t have any good way to store electricity after the sun goes down on a cold winter evening. When residents hear the Governor call for an end to new non-electric cars in just a few years, and they know that, while they are in their home, theyâ€™ll probably be charging their car, they know that means more electricity use. To offset that increased use and costs, theyâ€™ll need energy alternatives, such as gas, to heat their homes affordably.

All-electric homes mean higher demand on a single energy source, not just in summer with rolling blackouts, but also in winter with high heating product demands and weather outages.

By keeping natural gas as a choice for residential buildings, it allows us options going forward with renewable natural gas and low, zero, and even negative carbon energy sources.

Thank you for considering these comments.

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