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Hello,

I was unable to submit a comment on your "Add comment" page regarding docket#19-bstd-03. I repeatedly got error messages. So I am submitting my comments here. Please record them as a public comment on 2022 Title 24 energy code pre-rulemaking. If this isn't possible, please direct me to another page where I might do this. Thank you!

With our climate crisis accelerating beyond what has been expected, if we are to tackle this matter with equal force, it will take rethinking our energy usage in a bold way. While California is to be commended for leading the country on climate leadership, we need to set another example of what it looks like to act with courage and strength. We cannot afford the time nor the luxury to continue building gas infrastructure in our built environment. We should not build one more home nor one more office building that will be using fossil fuel energy for the 50+ year lifespan of those water heaters, space heaters and appliances. It makes no sense other than to appease the wishes of either the gas/oil industry or those people who fear change. Not only does it contribute to a warming globe, but it has been clearly documented that these gas appliances create unhealthy conditions within the structures. As with all other big change, people make noise and then adapt. We can handle this. Our local municipalities need the state to lead on this so that their governing bodies are not saddled with the work of writing ordinances and convincing their residents of its merits. They could be focusing that energy on other issues that also need addressing. When drafting the Title 24 code in 2022, I urge you to ban gas in all new construction and remodels over 50%. Likewise, it should include a "burnout" component that requires that when any gas fueled furnace, water heater, range/cooktop and fireplace insert reaches the end of its life, that it should be replaced with electric. It would also be great to phase out the production and sale of gas fueled appliances by 2025 in the state. There are such great alternatives available now to gas appliances on the market. Making these changes will create new jobs and stimulate innovation in the market place. We have reached the point where we simply cannot wait on this if we are to provide a livable planet for our children's children and beyond. They depend on our state agencies to protect their health and well being so please do the right thing for Californians. Thank you for taking my comments into consideration

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