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I am writing to ask the CEC to require all electric appliances and systems in new buildings for the 2022 code cycle. The use of natural gas must be eliminated for California to meet its emission reduction goals. Time is of the essence, and the 2022 code cycle should include a ban on gas pipes to new buildings.

As an informed citizen who is deeply concerned about climate change, I am literally **this week** installing an electric heat pump hot water heater and a heat pump HVAC system in my home. I know how much it's costing me to retrofit and I believe the best way to set us on a path to building electrification is to take advantage of the cost savings of electrifying new buildings. Now.

My next task will be to replace our gas cooktop with induction. The CEC's next task should be to require electrification in the 2022 code cycle to further transition California to a clean energy future.

Thank you for your consideration,

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