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Chair Hochschild and Commissioners:

More than 100 organizations have provided comment on proposals for the 2022 building code cycle including local municipalities, environmental groups, air districts, public health groups, environmental justice groups, utility and business groups urging the Commission to adopt all electric standards for the building code. This position is supported by substantial data demonstrating the benefit to the public in health, air quality, climate change mitigation and construction costs.

However Staff have proposed standards significantly short of the all electric suggestions made by numerous groups and agencies. Such ineffective incremental proposals will leave the state far short in its efforts to decarbonize buildings, significantly lower GHGs emissions and stabilize climate change. The climate change emergency faced by the planet calls for bold meaningful actions by all state agencies to meet the demands of the situation.

I urge the Commission to strengthen the Staff recommendations to place California in a leadership position to combat the ravages of climate change and adopt all electric building code standards.

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