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Please adopt an all electric Code in the 2022 Title 24 revision

The CEC should move toward adopting a single, all-electric baseline for all building types because all-electric buildings are cheaper to build and operate, better for public health, and critical to effectively addressing the climate crisis.

California is falling behind other governments in the U.S. and around the world and needs to pull ahead to reclaim its leadership. It is of utmost importance that the state enact policies required by science that will put California on track to dramatically reduce emissions, start greenhouse gas drawdown, and secure resilient communities by 2030.

An essential part of this vision is to enact zero-emissions building codes and rapidly phasing out the reliance of gas in our homes and buildings. Research shows that children with asthma are particularly affected by indoor air pollution from gas stoves. Children living in areas with high levels of outdoor air pollution and lower-income, African American and Hispanic children with asthma are likely the most disproportionately burdened by indoor air pollution from gas stoves.

The lack of effort to immediately enact an all-electric baseline for buildings only further advances the health inequities caused by indoor air pollution in our frontline communities. These communities don't have time to wait for clean air and the future of our climate is nearly out of time. Waiting three more years would not only miss an opportunity to unleash a faster, cheaper way to build housing in the Golden State, but it would also cost Californians \$1 billion in unnecessary gas infrastructure, and lock them into 3 million tons additional carbon emissions by 2030. The California Energy Commission should and must adopt an all-electric code in the Title 24 revision to ensure the health and safety of Californians and our climate.

Thank you,
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