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Support a Stronger 2025 Statewide Building Code

Dear Madame or Sir:

California must pick up the pace to achieve Governor Gavin Newsom's 6 million heat pumps goal by 2030. At the current pace of heat pump adoption, the state is behind. Yet, it's still achievable–if Governor Newsom and the California Energy Commission update the 2025 building code to convert central air conditioners (AC) to heat pumps. Upgrading homes with efficient heat pumps (which cools and filters air) helps protect vulnerable populations from extreme heat events and poor air quality during wildfire season.

This policy would nearly double the current adoption rate and bring the state nearly to its heat pump goal. Upgrading existing homes with highly efficient heat pump systems is a low-cost intervention that protects against gas price volatility, reduces fossil fuel dependency, improves air quality and public health, avoids the need for future gas furnace replacement, and reduces energy bills for many households and businesses.

Thank you,

Abe Mazliach