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Subject: Gas appliance code changes

Doug Orth, Council Chair
P.O. Box 41449, Olympia WA 98504-1449

Dear Doug and Code Council Members,

Coming before you are two proposals relating to fireplace gas efficiency mandate proposals:
R402.4.2.1 and R403.1.3

We are in a continual losing battle to provide affordable housing in the state of Washington. Our fireplace manufacturers and representatives tell us that these mandates are impossible to comply with and will force affordable fireplace models out of our market. Those units that can be brought into compliance will be of a significantly higher price point that will in effect stop our ability to provide gas fireplaces in entry to mid market homes. We urge the code council to deny these code amendments based on the onerous costs to the end consumer when compared to the minuscule energy savings.

The following is the body of a letter sent to me by the President of HWHPBA Scott Ongley:

As a Fireplace dealer whose business depends 60% on the building market, I am very aware of the ramifications of this code. It not only affects the track home fireplaces that currently cost builders \$800.00 to \$1,700.00 and resale for \$3,000.00 to \$6000.00 to homeowner appx. If this code goes into effect, then the new ranges at cost would be \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 to builder and then \$6k to 10K to homeowner and that spells no more fireplaces going into new low-priced homes.

As for the High-End Custom Market Brands with as many as 100+ models ea. Such as Montigo, DaVinci, Maestro, Heat n Glo, Town and Country, Flare, Ortal, and others would be completely banned. These units are sought after because they do not heat as many of them are in the large to extra-large size that if they did heat no one could run them. (Not that we want to say that, but we need to know this and protect it!)

Manufacturers are from many parts of North America and the costs involved in making certain products for certain parts of the country and not others are not cost effective! This type of issue needs to be dealt with on a National scale and through other avenues other than codes. Which it is being done that way now in Calif. And Vancouver B.C.

We need to get this out to all Builders and HVAC companies that install and sale fireplaces in Washington State. We desperately need to pack the house at both Public Hearings. We need to make sure they understand how many jobs are at risk through manufacturing and installing and selling as well as the monetary impact it will have.

Thank you All for your Support!!

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Respectfully Submitted,

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