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Subject: NO!

Please for the love of God, country and common sense, please do not vote to pass this ill-be-gotten energy code.

Specifically the residential energy code sections R406.2 and R406.3. Total lunacy.

These warm and fuzzy, ivory tower so called carbon neutral laws will effectively shut down the entire residential remodel/addition industry.
The brainiac's at WSU are so divorced from all of us foot soliders on the ground that they have completely discounted the area I've been working
In for the past 35 years. Residential additions.

Let's just say for the sake of this disagreement that the push to switch from Gas to Electric, and a failed Presidential bid from our environmentally friendly Governor, has nothing to do with these outrageously high energy and carbon neutral credits being proposed by these well intentioned school children at WSU, but is actually an honest desire to lower our energy footprint for All habitable spaces.

To be blunt: It simply will not work! It is bad science. It completely discounts the end user. In my case, the individual homeowners. You do know that people actually have free will right?

Beyond the cost to implement these kinds of changes (we have estimated the average remodel project will now have about \$10,000 more added to the overall hard costs to construct) They will fail. You force us to tighten up the addition to the home, but the existing house, so far, falls under the triggering point to tear it down and upgrade the entire structure to meet the energy code. Let's apply a tiny amount of common sense here. Are not the old and the new typically connected (think kitchen and family room expansion, my most common addition). I've got a super-insulated, super-tight space, openly connected to a under insulated, drafty home. Even without home owners leaving doors and windows open, with the heat on, we have negated, totally, all the money spent and wasted on these draconian energy upgrades. You must think about how you use your own homes.

Does that make any sense to anybody here?? Why are we penalizing the thousands of people that want to keep living in their community, and pricing them out of improving their homes, for such poorly thought out, political driven, energy code changes?

In the end, you will cause a housing market collapse with such short sighted legislation. Then everyone left in my business will be forced out of this State in search of work, as all our clients pull in their horns and hunker down for the coming collapse.

Thank you for listening

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