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Subject: New Codes for WA State Buildings

Dear Washington State Building Codes Council,

I understand you are planning to improve the current building codes in recognition of the climate crisis. Please do all these suggested code changes and keep looking at additional ones needed to address our climate emergency. It has taken way too long for our committees and agencies to take these steps, but this is an excellent action. It is my understanding that the adjustments you are implementing will do the following:

- Reducing energy consumption in new residential buildings by about 19%
- Lowering utility costs for residents
- Reducing the need for electricity and for new power plants
- Helping replace fossil fuels with clean energy

As a member of the general public who has been an advocate for clean and sustainable energy for over 25 years, I applaud your proposed changes and ask you to continue looking for additional adjustments for the next cycle.

Thank you for taking this important step.

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