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Subject: Gas Fireplace Efficiency Code

To Doug Orth. Code Chair.

Doug, some thoughts for you.

The Gas Fireplace Efficiency Code change being considered is the most absurd thing I have heard from our state government in my 40 years of residential contracting.

It also makes the top ten on my 'unfunded governmental mandates" list after working to preserve and protect my industry for the last 20 years through various avenues and organizations.

The economic effects of this code change will be felt across the manufacturing and housing industries forever.

This type of issue needs to be dealt with on a National scale and through other avenues other than codes.

Your actions will mean no more fireplaces going into new low-priced homes.

Please make plans for explaining the reason, and taking the responsibility for every new home owner (including your kids and grandkids if you have any) in our state from now and forever having to live without a fireplace in their new entry level home.

Or you could put this code change idea in the garbage can where it belongs.

Thank you
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