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Dear Members of the Washington State Building Codes Council,

I am writing in opposition to commercial energy code proposals 21-GP1-103, 21-GP1-136 and 21-GP1-179. These proposals will impact my clients ability to choose the energy source that best meets their needs, will increase their costs and will force them to rely entirely on the electric system. More importantly, these proposals will have almost no impact on the state's emissions, which is the fundamental rationale behind them. I agree that reducing carbon emissions is an important global issue and believe there is a more reasonable approach to achieve these goals while utilizing multiple energy sources.

As seen throughout the country having multiple energy sources to support the infrastructure is key to minimizing disruption and outages. Moving to an all-electric system would only place undue burden on one system. The impact on the electrical grid is already noticeable with the recent Texas freeze and rolling brown outs in California, and storm outages during the winter months where electrical grids are commonly interrupted leaving millions of people without power.

I am hopeful that the council will oppose these proposals and look for an alternative solution for increased efficiency, equity, and stability within the energy sector.

Best Regards,

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