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Good afternoon Council,

My name is Jessie Gamble, and I am the Interim Executive Officer for the Master Builders of Pierce County. I intended to give these comments orally but have run into a scheduling conflict with the extended meeting. Thank you for understanding and receiving them over email.

I am here today to voice my opposition regarding the following proposals: 21-GP1-103, 21-GP1-136, and 21-GP1-179.

It is not the SBCC's charge to ban gas use or to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. There is NO legislative directive to do so either – HB 1084 was not passed during the 2021 Legislative Session. This would illustrate a major overstep of authority.

Natural gas utilities and transmission pipelines in Washington serve warmth and comfort to 3.5 million residential consumers and delivers heat and productive energy to more than 100,000 commercial businesses and 3,500 industrial facilities that employ hundreds of thousands of Washingtonians. Residential consumers and commercial businesses that use natural gas are those that rely upon the vast majority of the natural gas delivery system and account for less than 10% of the state's total GHG emissions.

The electrical grid can't support a full ban on natural gas. Natural gas supplies 15% of the electricity consumed in Washington. Furthermore, there is no coherent plan to replace the natural gas energy that total electrification will remove from the region's diverse energy portfolio without risking blackouts and price hikes to businesses and ratepayers. Full-scale electrification will drive business and jobs out of the Pacific Northwest.

Thank you for your consideration to these comments and I urge you to oppose these proposals.

Always,

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