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Members of the Washington State Building Codes Council:

Although I am not a commercial builder, I have serious concerns with proposals, 21-GP1-103, 21-GP1-136 and 21-GP1-179. We are facing a shortage of multi-family housing and proposal 21-GP1-176 will especially add to the cost of a building project. Natural gas in commercial buildings only contributes to 4% of the state's emissions inventory. And with the push to remove dams from the Snake River where do you think we will get the additional reliable electrical power to replace the use of natural gas in commercial buildings? Implementing the above three proposals will be a de facto ban on natural gas for new commercial buildings causing unnecessary additional expenses when we are struggling to rebuild the Washington State economy.

Sincerely,
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