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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 limit my ability to choose the energy source that best meets our commercial counterparts' needs, will increase their costs (and therefore trickle-down to all consumers and tenants of multi-family housing) and will force the state to rely entirely upon the electric system, which cannot meet the demand for energy in this state alone.

More importantly, these three proposals will have almost no impact on the state's emissions, which is the fundamental rationale behind them. Concurrently, it is not the State Building Code Council's (SBCC) responsibility to ban natural gas based on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Currently, there is no legislative directive to do so as HB 1084 was not passed last session. Adopting code that would effectively phase out an entire industry that produces 15% of the electricity consumed in the state would be an overstep of the SBCC's authority.

Lastly, it's been brought to my attention that there is a pending lawsuit regarding the illegal appointment of two state building code council members. With that in mind, I would urge the SBCC not meet or vote on any important proposals until a resolution has been obtained.

Thank you for your time and assistance in considering my testimony.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Judson Willis", is written over a horizontal line.

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