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Good morning,

This is my written comment on the Commercial Energy Code being discussed today. Knowing that gas stoves increase the rates of asthma in children, the disproportionate rates of air pollution in BIPOC communities, and Washington State's buildings being among the highest contributors to emissions in the country reveals the pressing need to adopt clean building codes.

We need the energy code to become more efficient every revision cycle such that buildings constructed in 2031 use 70% less energy than those under the 2006 energy code (RCW 19.27A.160). With there being only three state building code cycles between now and 2031, it is important that we enact building electrification now.

Thank you,

Ric Berkholtz