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Question/Comment

Pleas do not Ban Gas from residential new construction. A better approach would be to require the utilities to incorporate a certain percentage of their supply as Hydrogen and Bio-gas
Thank You

From: Julia Orme <julia.hargraves@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 12:32 PM
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Subject: State Building Code - Electric Heat Pumps

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To the State Building Code Council:

I am writing to oppose the proposal that all new construction have electric heat pumps rather than natural gas.

I know this is an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and that goal is laudable. Indeed, you predict this will not impact consumer prices. But the proposal lacks consideration of certain unintended consequences.

First, it will increase home prices. Like it or not, natural gas is a popular option for many homebuyers. If this proposal is passed, it will drive up prices for existing homes. Home prices are already skyrocketing in Washington, and lack of access to affordable housing is a serious problem. Regulations like this exacerbate the problem.

Moreover, some people will pay to retrofit their homes with natural gas, whether or not that is legal. This may lead to unsafe practices outside of the state's legal framework.

Finally, wealthy builders will just ignore this regulation and install whatever they want because they can afford it. Is this fair? Should the ultra rich be able to do whatever they want while regulations like this create pressure on the housing market for average citizens?

There are better ways to achieve these environmental goals. What about providing financial incentives to install electric heat pumps instead of gas? I am sure you can think of more creative solutions.

Thank you,

Julia Orme

From: Arne Christensen <arnolfini@earthlink.net>
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Subject: heating residential buildings

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It is not your place to dictate to Washingtonians how they heat their homes—especially not without first receiving robust input from the public. No, Zoom meetings don't suffice.

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Question/Comment

Per your consideration of requiring electric heat pumps in residences, banning non-electric utility

sources. Please do not do this, and save us from having to take you to court. This kind of regulation causes more harm than it purports to fix.

We live in Washington.state. We have many big trees, and we have, on a regular basis, large wind storms, that often cause the powe to go out, sometimes for extended periods of DAYS and WEEKS. When this happens in No ember, and December, or any of the cold months, how exactly shall we cook (if you ban natural gas or propane), how will we keep our refrigerators cold, and our children warm? How will all those electric vehicles get charged? Not using electricity.

There are better ways to accomplish what you are trying to, without making us use services which are unavailable to often.

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Question/Comment

Regarding banning natural gas from new construction. NO! and Hell NO! Who are you to suggest and implement such things. NONONO!
