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**WAC 51-11C-40314**  
**Use of Electric Resistance and Fossil Fuel-Fired HVAC Heating Equipment Public Hearing**

Chair Anderson, Chair Arnold and Members of the State Building Code Council,  
Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the proposed rule change on WAC 51-11C-40314.

The City of Spokane Valley is an ardent supporter of reducing barriers to the construction of housing and keeping the cost more affordable for our community. Over the past few years, it has become more and more difficult for our residents to purchase or rent a home or remodel their existing one.

Accordingly, the City of Spokane Valley offers written testimony in support of Option 2, as this amendment provides more flexible solutions to comply with the state energy code.

Throughout Washington State, including within the City of Spokane Valley, we need more homeownership opportunities. The proposed amendment helps avoid unnecessary cost increases to make home purchases and rental costs less expensive for consumers who are trying to stay afloat during challenging financial times.

We respectfully ask that you pass this amendment to keep housing more affordable in Spokane Valley and across the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and welcome to our City!

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