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Dear Council Chair Doug Orth,

I was at the State Building Code Council Meeting held at Center Place Regional Event Center in Spokane Valley this past Friday, September 13th. I was not prepared to provide a statement at that time, but am grateful for the fact that I can send you one now.

Like others who testified, I am a member of 350 Spokane and am well versed in the challenges our planet faces because of Global Warming. I am grateful for the fact that our 2019 Washington State Legislature passed legislation related to decreasing greenhouse gases with Senate Bill 5116 being a significant one. I am glad you are now working on ways to implement this important legislation via building codes.

I can have empathy for many business people who spoke about their fears that setting limits on carbon emissions would impact their hearth business. I don't know what the options are for them, but I do know that excess carbon dioxide emissions are heating up our planet, its atmosphere and its oceans. People on the coast are greatly impacted by ever increasingly violent storms, losing their homes to flooding, while people on the west are losing their homes to wildfires. People in Alaska and in island nations are having to relocate their villages because of sea level rising. We've known of global warming for decades, I've known of it since the mid-1970's, and yet we've resisted the inconvenience of taking it seriously and trying to stop it. Our time is running out, so I urge you and your team to continue with your task of finding ways to make buildings as carbon neutral as possible. I thank you for all you do in that regard.

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