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From: DES SBCC
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 12:13 PM
To: CHAD FISHER; DES SBCC
Subject: RE: OPPOSE proposals 21-GP2-073, 21-GP2-065, 21-GP2-066, 21-GP2-062, 21-GP2-063 _32

Thank you for your written testimony.

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From: CHAD FISHER <CFISH71@GMAIL.COM>
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External Email

Dear Council Chair,

Please enter my comments into the official record of the 2021 Washington State Residential Energy Code and share my comments with the other members of the Washington State Building Code Council.

I am writing to you today because I believe in Energy Choice. Washingtonians should make their own choice how they power their homes, and most certainly that freedom should NOT be denied by an unelected council whose primary purpose is fire and life safety, not making state energy policy.

I OPPOSE proposals 21-GP2-073, 21-GP2-065, 21-GP2-066, 21-GP2-062, 21-GP2-063 because they will have the effect of banning natural gas in new homes, taking away Energy Choice.

I also OPPOSE these proposals because they will increase my utility bills. You just need to look to California to know what happens when you force electrification policies on homeowners. I like natural gas because it is a far cheaper fuel for heating my home and hot water.

Washington is in a housing crisis, so I OPPOSE these proposals because they will make building new homes more expensive. The heat pump requirement alone will add over $8,000 in extra cost to a new home. And 84% of home builders report the upfront cost of heat pumps is the biggest hurdle in building affordable, entry-level houses.

Lastly, I OPPOSE these proposals because I want to be able to use natural gas in my home. For cooking, natural gas is by far the best. For heating my home, natural gas is cheaper than electricity and gives a pleasant, comforting heat. Please note, 60% of home builders say that homeowners do not like their electric heat pumps. Simply, people prefer natural gas.

I am asking with respect that the Washington State Building Code Council vote against these proposals and protect mu Energy Choice.

Sincerely,

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