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Subject: Comments regarding HB 4575

Dear Regulatory Reform Committee Chair, Roger Hauck, Committee Members, and Committee Clerk, Molly Wingrove,

We are in the midst of a Climate Crisis; we are doing everything possible to limit the use of fossil fuels because of the greenhouse gases/carbon emissions they emit. Thus, it makes sense to eventually electrify all buildings, since electricity can be supplied from renewable sources. Natural gas can also be a health hazard in a home, especially for those with asthma. It can also pose a safety threat due to fire and carbon monoxide poisoning.

As I understand it, HB 4575 would limit municipalities from limiting aggressive building codes regarding gas appliances. It seems inappropriate for these changing times, when all are seeking ways to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030, to introduce a regulation that could tie the hands of leaders in the Climate Crisis Movement to follow the safest and most effective strategies for bringing us to carbon neutrality as soon as possible. Our homes are one of the places where we can have energy audits and take small actions to make them tighter, and less dependent on fossil fuels. Having electric appliances in new homes would be a great step forward toward the larger goal of carbon neutrality.

Responding to the urgent energy crisis is a very difficult task. The way we do things now is not going to be good enough for the future. We have to take significant steps now to be prepared for the world that awaits us. **We are facing an urgent climate emergency; it's time to act now!**

Therefore, I urge you to defeat HB 4575. It is a backward-looking, not a forward-looking bill. Help us be prepared for a clean energy way of life!

Thank you very much!

Most Sincerely,

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