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Mr. Ian Finlayson
Department of Energy Resources
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Dear Mr. Finlayson:

The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) has released what they probably believe is a draft opt-in net zero building code. In fact, it is nothing of the kind, since it includes a role for gas and propane, both of which would set back, not advance, net-zero goals. The draft code does not meet any published definition of “net zero” most assuredly one where the net zero home is affordable to heat and cool, relies on renewable and other clean energy sources that don’t emit greenhouse gases (GHG), especially methane, a prime component of “natural gas” which is 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide. The code violates what is required of DOER in the Next Generation Roadmap bill.

While I’m old enough so that the most dastardly consequences of climate change won’t affect me personally, I’m still concerned about my nieces and nephews and their children, as well as the children were I live. Furthermore, I remember the planet into which I was born and spent my youth, and feel I’d be very much remiss if I did not pass *that* planet on!

Furthermore, I’m very much exasperated by the DOER’s misleading the public via this “plan” (I do need to put the word into quotation marks, because it isn’t one!). I can understand, though certainly not support, the utility, gas, and propane interests when they make false remarks, but the state government and the DOER? Come on now!

Please develop a true net zero stretch building code. The planet awaits your response!

Sincerely,

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