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Washington State Building Code Council Members and Staff,

I strong urge the Council to STOP any new changes to the Washington State building energy codes. A pause in the implementaiton of the proposed changes is the most prudent and responsible coarse of action.

All of the proposals will add thousands of dollars of cost, pricing many citizens of the state out of home ownership. The following are just a few additional costs.

1. Wildland Urban Interface = \$55,282 upfront on a 2,200 square foot home. In our area that is approximately a 10% increase in the price of a new home
2. Requiring heat pumps as the preferred source of space and water heating = \$8,350
3. Require existing homes to upgrade their current HVAC systems to heat pumps = \$23,000
4. Meeting new rules for compliant windows and air leakage requirements = \$9,200
5. Requiring all new homes to with carports and garages to have electric vehicle charging capabilities = \$11,000
6. Ban heat pumps water heaters from being installed in garages = \$8,350
7. U factor Replacements = \$2,593

This is just a preliminary list of additional costs to building a home.

Respectfully, STOP and take a pause on passage of new energy code requirements. These proposal does nothing to achieve home ownership in the State of Washington.

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