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Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Via electronic mail to: [EMAIL]

[NAME]
[ADDRESS 1] [ADDRESS 2]
[CITY][STATE][ZIP]

Re: Code Officials Must Comply with Initiative 2066

Dear [NAME]:

I am the Vice President, General Counsel of the Building Industry Association of Washington (“BIAW”), representing nearly 8,000 businesses in the Washington home building industry.

The Washington State Constitution provides that an initiative enacted by the people of Washington take effect thirty days following the election, which means **Initiative 2066 will be effective December 5, 2024.**

Any measure initiated by the people or referred to the people as herein provided shall take effect and become the law if it is approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon: Provided, that the vote cast upon such question or measure shall equal one-third of the total votes cast at such election and not otherwise. Such measure shall be in operation on and after the thirtieth day after the election at which it is approved. See WA Const. Art. II § 1d.

Therefore, on **December 5, 2024**, the current 2021 Washington State Energy Code (“WSEC”), which penalizes and discourages natural gas primarily via Section R406, will be unenforceable.

BIAW has sent notice of Initiative 2066’s effective date to all local building code officials encouraging them to use their discretion to comply with both the WSEC and Initiative 2066. We ask that you assist us in enforcing compliance.

Sincerely,

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