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Dear The Honorable Hall,

Gas-powered buildings are a bad idea: for our health, our air, and the climate.

When we hook up buildings to fossil gas, we put our public health at risk and we fail to take necessary climate action.

Burning gas in buildings is a major contributor to climate pollution in Shoreline, and the fastest-growing source of greenhouse gas emissions in the state. To tackle the climate crisis, we must build without fossil fuels.

Buildings are also the primary source of pollution-related deaths in Washington state, because fossil gas also increases indoor and outdoor air pollution. Gas stoves and ovens emit harmful pollutants that compromise indoor air quality. Living in a home with gas cooking increases a child's chance of developing asthma symptoms by 42%.

These public health risks disproportionately impact vulnerable and historically disadvantaged populations. And the COVID-19 pandemic only increases these impacts – exposure to air pollution leads to a higher COVID-19 death rate.

Shoreline can be a real climate leader, for Washington state and the nation. I'm calling on Shoreline City Council to pass policies promoting clean and safe buildings in 2021 to help create a livable future for our communities.

It's time to build for the clean energy future...not the fossil-fueled past.

Let's support Shoreline in leading the way in Washington and the nation to build all-electric new buildings.

Sincerely,

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