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Howdy,

We are a real estate property owner/operator in Skagit county among others. The new energy codes that are being adopted by the state require extensive cost and expertise to install in a long lasting manner. I would estimate that residential unit construction costs will increase by 15-20% on the whole. And many projects will experience failed siding, similar to Efas faux stucco in the 90s. It seems that the only thing that matters is energy efficiency today, but not the carbon footprint of the materials needed to get to those efficiencies, so we are taking a step backwards on the whole. And pricing renters and homeowners out of the market. Furthermore, the long permit review times across all municipalities is limiting new inventory and driving prices up. Today our houses are so sealed up that my family suffers from headaches if we don't leave a window open in most rooms. Please consider some common sense with any new building code updates, or even better just say no to all these new wasteful requirements the state is pushing down.

Respectfully,

