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Hello, My name is Rebecca Heilig. I'm a mother of a toddler and oversee the Earth Advantage Home Certification program. I have made a career of working with production homebuilders to find solutions to indoor air quality, energy, and water efficiency. Throughout my career, I have listened to builders sigh as more costs are added to their builds. My job is to help them evaluate and understand what they can omit for the supplies list when gas is not incorporated. No need to pay for gas infrastructure. No need for carbon monoxide detectors. No need for extra flues and piping. No need for added penetrations in the building exterior that can compromise the efficiency of the building envelope. When done correctly and with cause, electrification does not need to cost more. In addition to potential reduced costs, electrification is safer for our community. When power sources are decentralized, threats to the energy distribution system (wildfires, terrorists, lack of upkeep) are mitigated. When the grid goes down, we all go down. People who need refrigerated medication or at home ventilators are fighting for their life. There is no convenient renewable gas power production. There needs to be a grid. I ask that you consider the lives of the most vulnerable.