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Hello, my name is Ruth Cooper and I am a resident of Ojai. As Ventura County repeals the current all-electric building policy, I urge the Board of Supervisors to direct staff to consider and present an energy performance requirement in its place. This is the best and mostly timely option to continue pursuing the County's adopted climate action goals within the existing legal framework. The need for action could not be more urgent. I am so concerned about addressing climate change and expect the Board of Supervisors to make this a top priority. A "fuel neutral" ordinance offers voluntary incentives for all-electric buildings because things like heat pumps and electric HVACs are more efficient and cheaper than gas. Ventura County can also take advantage of the various resources and technical assistance available to adopt this policy; a policy that over six other cities and counties have adopted in the last year or so. On a very limited budget, my husband and I have been replacing our gas cars and appliances with high-efficiency electric ones, and couldn't be more pleased with the energy savings and functionality. While building with electric systems and appliances is cheaper than with gas, this type of ordinance provides choice and autonomy to builders and developers. I urge you to direct staff to consider a high efficiency building ordinance, including taking advantage of the incredible and free resources available from other leading jurisdictions and technical assistance programs.

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