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SAHBA Opposes Energy Initiative:

The Southern Arizona Home Builders Association (SAHBA) stands with numerous business organizations and rate payers across Arizona in opposing the *Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona* ballot initiative. This initiative, if approved, would increase costs for new homebuyers and discourage homeownership in our already price sensitive housing market. Additionally, arbitrarily increasing energy costs on the small businesses that make up the home building industry does not advance our economic recovery.

We believe statewide energy policy is best developed when utilizing the Arizona Corporation Commission or the Arizona Legislature. This initiative imposes a "one size fits all" approach to regulated utilities without cost considerations to rate payers or impacts on economic development efforts. Circumventing the stakeholder process for a politically motivated ballot initiative is bad public policy.

Local utilities calculate that the average residential rate payer could see an annual increase of approximately \$550 while the average business bill could increase \$3,400 annually.

The Arizona Corporation Commission's proposed Energy Modernization Plan would create a path toward providing 80% of power generation from clean energy resources by 2050. This comprehensive policy approach will further Arizona's energy policies while maintaining the affordability and reliability considerations which are critical to sustaining Southern Arizona's long term economic future.

We encourage you to get educated about the facts of this initiative before signing the petition.