

**PROTECT ENERGY
EFFICIENCY!**

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ON HB 580**

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ROLLING BACK BUILDING CODE PROTECTIONS

House Bill 580 prevents communities from adopting ordinances, resolutions, regulations, codes, or policies that improve energy efficiency in building codes for new homes. This includes single family homes and also some multi-family housing.

This is a direct attack on the more than 100 jurisdictions that have taken action to protect their communities by adopting up-to-date energy efficient building codes as written by the International Codes Council.

BUILDING CODES SAVE MONEY AND LIVES

Standard building codes are updated every three years by a group of scientists, builders, and government officials who are experts in implementing building codes. By adopting these national standards, cities not only ensure homes are safer and follow up-to-date building practices, but buyers save money on their energy costs and homes are healthier.

Energy efficient homes have been found to reduce indoor air pollution and improve the health of residents and save homeowners hundreds of dollars in energy bills. They are also more likely to withstand extreme weather events.

Additionally, HB 580 could cost Missouri cities hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Inflation Reduction Act which provides funding for cities that adopt strong energy efficient building codes.

FORCING BUYERS TO PAY PREMIUM FEES

By keeping building standards at a minimum, home builders can charge a high premium for basic energy efficiency updates like wall and ceiling insulation. This practice ensures energy efficiency is only available to those who can afford the upgrades and disproportionately negatively impacts low income families and renters in multi-family housing units.