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Mr. Grice,

Buildings produce a large fraction of the greenhouse gases this program is trying to minimize. New building methods can have a large impact. One such technology is building with hemp, which acts as a net carbon sink. The first permitted hemp house on the West Coast is in Bellingham, WA, and can be seen at <http://highlandhemphouse.com/>. It's a beautiful home and the owner is very knowledgeable about the topic, as a starting point.

Taking a larger view of building codes in general, I suggest they be examined and rewritten to optimize for minimizing climatic effects. There are many experts in this state who could contribute to defining such revisions. The outcome could well be more comfortable and healthier homes that last longer, use fewer fossil fuels for utilities, cost much less over time, and produce less construction and other waste.

Thank you for considering these suggestions,
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