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FIGHTING FOR SAFE HOMES, FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION

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In response to the Feb. 12 article concerning the electrical code requiring arc-fault breakers in new homes ("Builders here fight tougher '08 electrical regulations"):

As a burn survivor and fire prevention advocate, I find Ohio Home Builders Association Vice President Vincent Squillace's remarks to be naive. It's a false sense of security to think that new homes don't burn! Even if Squillace's weak defense were true, we need to take into account that all new homes will eventually become older homes.

It is hard for me to wrap my head around any argument against preventing a fire or burn injury; I just don't get the justification. I only wish that Gov. Ted Strickland, who has temporarily blocked enforcement of the new statewide electrical code, felt the same way.

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