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Climate change has an impact on the places we call home. We know more energy efficient homes will help reduce our carbon footprint and lower greenhouse gas emissions. Government programs encouraging home energy and efficiency improvements are an important part of addressing climate change.

Standardized auditing of our home's energy efficiency can be useful, but making home energy audits a mandatory condition of sale could make current housing affordability challenges even worse. Potential delays in access to professionals who conduct energy audits could stall the sale and purchase of a home, and mandatory audits could even discourage some homeowners from listing their property for sale.

Energy audits are a great tool, but we have to make sure that new initiatives don't have unintended consequences for other priorities. That's why TRREB believes we need to make energy audits voluntary.

Whether you are a potential buyer, seller, or renter, email your city councillor and mayor today. Tell them you support voluntary energy audits because you want a green policy that gives you more housing options. Go to givemeoptions.ca to find out more.