

Dear Representative Marsh, Representative Gamba, & Senator Dembrow, & Representative Neuron,

I strongly oppose HB3152. Natural Gas is getting a bad rap these days. It is cleaner than coal and oil, it is abundant, and most certainly more reliable. It can reduce the carbon print by being sequestered.

Our family was without power during the February Ice storm of 2021 for 8 days. We were trapped and unable to leave our home by fallen trees and downed wires for 3 of those days. Luckily, we had filled our bathtubs so we had water. We used our gas stove to cook, we could not get out.

I was unable to reach my elderly parents who were without power as well. Luckily, they used their gas fireplace for heat and slept in front of the fireplace. They used their gas cooktop to cook food. They had city water and a gas water heater. My parents were able to warm ups with warm showers and fill a hot water bottle to stay warm and the temperatures were below freezing.

Our lawmakers continue to ignore that Oregon has one of the lowest net carbon footprints in the nation! Our net carbon emissions are low because our forests are carbon eaters and carbon is also sequestered into our agricultural souls. Carbon dioxide is not all bad. We need it to breathe. Trees and plants need CO₂ for photosynthesis.

Natural gas powered engines are popping up in LA (CNG vehicles), this will reduce the carbon imprint by reducing CO₂ levels and nitrogen oxide found in smog.

Please use common sense, and recognize natural gas is a clean, abundant, renewable, & reliable energy resource. An energy source needed here in the PNW because of the 4 seasons. It is not prudent to eliminate reliable and abundant energy resources and rely on solar or wind- these come with all sorts of problems!

Sincerely,
Kelly Sloop