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I support this bill, but I want to mention something else about utilities such as providing electricity, gas, water, garbage service, recycling & phone service. I think they all should be provided by government, either local or state. They seem to me to be something that every nation, state & city should be responsible for providing its citizens, rather than having some private company make money off of it. Why wouldn't it be in the interests of a city to make sure all its garbage was picked up? I believe local governments can do these things more reliably, responsibly, efficiently & honestly, rather than taking advantage of its citizens like companies do, who in the case of utilities almost always have a monopoly over supplying the public with its services, something a government is better equipped to do. Absent that, however, its important for government to tightly regulate companies, as this bill does, so they don't take advantage of their customers.