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We are writing in support of SB 1143; a positive viable energy solution as today's hearing testimony highlighted. It is rare that all concerned parties are supporting this piece of legislation. Our natural gas companies are under a lot of pressure to change their historical natural gas service. They are often maligned and while it is imperative that we decarbonize; it is crucial that we are thankful to our gas companies who have provided heat to many of us over the last century. That said, we now know that we must find another way to provide the energy that we need for our households, businesses, and manufacturing. Thermal Energy Networks offer the opportunity for us to move into an energy efficient, low carbon future, while supporting the workers who already have the expertise in installing pipelines. We do not have time for conflict with each other and instead must move forward together into a financial viable, clean energy future together. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.